



Advisory Announcement

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2021 NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

The following information details the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Area (THA) commercial fishing open waters and fishing schedules for the 2021 season.

SSRAA is forecasting total runs of 768,000 summer chum, 6,700 Chinook, 113,100 coho, and 31,000 fall chum salmon to the Neets Bay THA.

The Neets Bay THA (101-95) consists of those waters east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island at 131°39.14' W long (Bug Island line). The THA will **NOT** open to include those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W long, until Thursday, July 1, 2021. This expansion to Chin Point on July 1 is for troll gear only. This modification to regulation is an added measure to conserve Unuk and Chickamin River Chinook salmon that are transiting the area during this time. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W long, until the barrier net is in place; at that time, the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Troll Fishery

Salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The Neets Bay THA will expand to the longitude of Chin Point at 131°42.10' W long, on Thursday, July 1, 2021, for troll gear only. Additionally, the Neets Bay THA east of Chin Point and west of the Bug Island line will be closed for Chinook retention.

Net Fisheries

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 17, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, salmon may be taken in the Neets Bay THA by drift gillnet and purse seine gear as follows:

Drift Gillnet

12:00 noon, Thursday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 18 **only in those waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Mid-bay line that begins on the northern shore of Neets Bay at 55°47.62' N lat, 131°34.50' W long, to the southern shore of Neets Bay at 55°46.83' N lat, 131°34.36' W long;**

12:00 noon, Monday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 22 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Friday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 26 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 30 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Saturday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 4 **east of the Mid-bay line.**

Purse Seine

12:00 noon, Saturday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 20 **only in those waters of the Neets Bay THA east of the Mid-bay line that begins on the northern shore of Neets Bay at 55°47.62' N lat, 131°34.50' W long, to the southern shore of Neets Bay at 55°46.83' N lat, 131°34.36' W long;**

12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 24 **east of the Bug Island line;**

12:00 noon, Sunday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 28 **east of the Bug Island line**;
 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Friday, July 2 **east of the Bug Island line**;
 12:00 noon, Monday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 6 **east of the Mid-bay line**.

All Commercial Fisheries

The Neets Bay THA will close to the harvest of salmon **by all gear groups** at 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, for cost recovery fishing and broodstock collection. If additional openings are warranted, they will be announced by advisory announcement.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0221.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

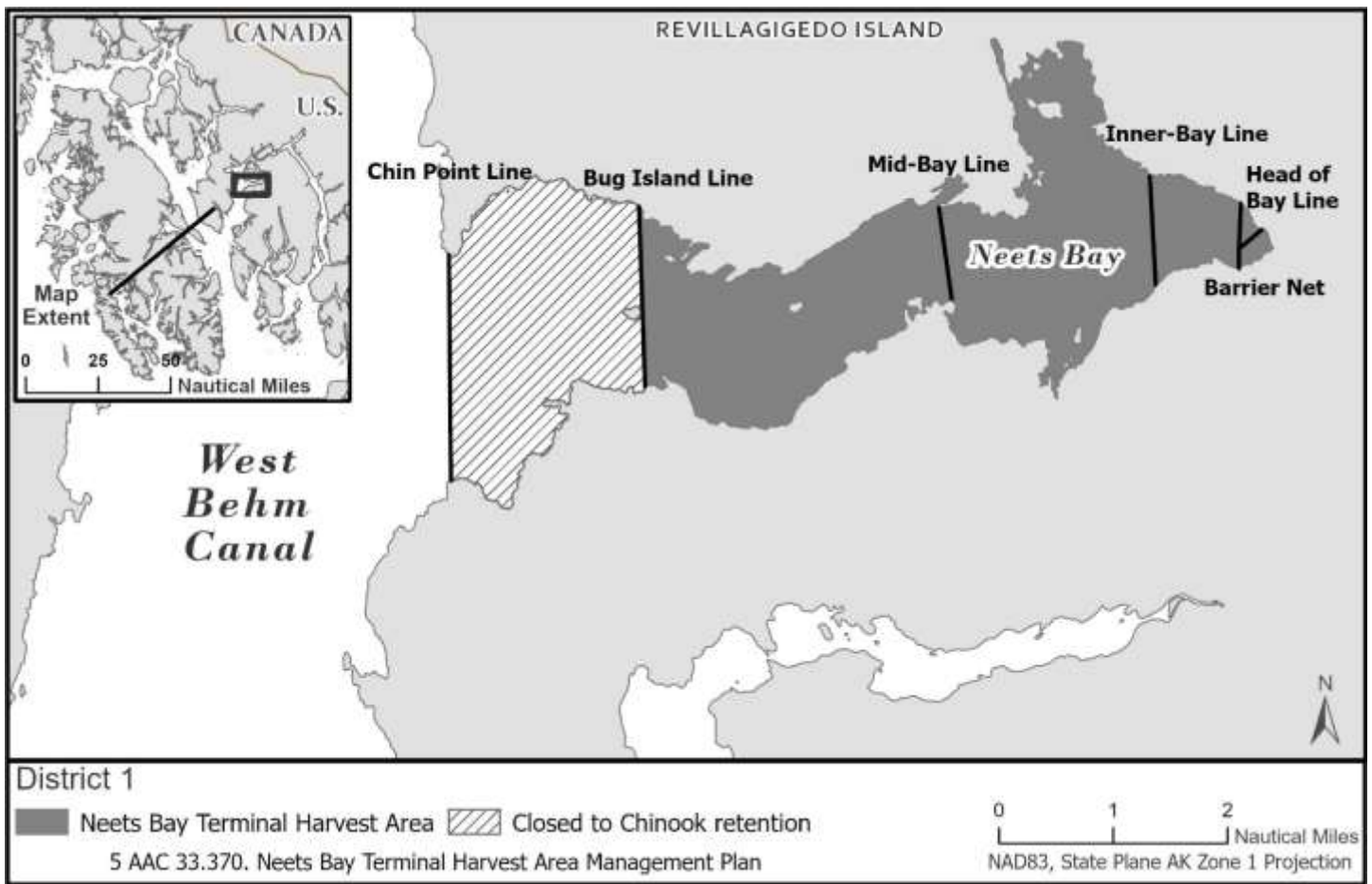


Figure 1. Map of Neets Bay THA.

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