1983 ALASKA COMMERCIAL SALMON TROLLING REGULATORY GUIDE

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Division of Commercial Fisheries
Southeast Region

The following is a summary of important commercial salmon trolling regulations for the 1983 fishing season. The regulatory guide was developed to provide the commercial salmon trolling industry with a quick reference of current regulations. It contains most of the regulations that will be in effect for the 1983 season.

The guide is for informational use. These regulations are from the official regulations in the Alaska Administrative Code or filed with the Lieutenant Governor. A more comprehensive set of regulations is available in the 1983 Finfish Regulation booklet which is available at all Fish and Game offices. New regulations are underlined.

The regulations in this guide may be changed by emergency regulation or emergency order at any time. Supplementary changes to the regulations in this guide will be available at offices of the Department of Fish and Game.

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The Alaskan commercial trolling season consists of two overall open seasons separated by distinct closed periods except in Yakutat Bay as follows:

- Winter season - October 1 through April 14.
  5 AAC 33.310 (b)

- Summer season - May 15 through September 20.
  5 AAC 33.310 (b)

- In the waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from the easternmost tip of Ocean Cape to the southernmost tip of Point Mamby there is no closed season for the taking of king salmon.
  5 AAC 30.310 (b)(3)

The chinook salmon guideline harvest range (OY) for the 1983 season is from 243,000-272,000 fish 5 AAC 33.365 (b)(8).

- The Alaska Board of Fisheries has recommended that the Commercial Fisheries staff manage for a harvest of 255,500 chinook salmon in 1983. The same level as the 1982 season.

- The guideline harvest level includes the total commercial catch in the Southeast and Yakutat areas of chinook salmon by all gear types. 5 AAC 33.365(b)(8).

- The harvest calculation for the 1983 season started with the opening of the winter season on October 1, 1982 and will end on September 20, 1983. 5 AAC 33.365 (b)(9).

The coho season is from June 15 through September 20. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(1) and 5 AAC 30.310 (b)(2).

A ten day closure of all trolling should be expected during the coho season. For the 1983 season the approximate dates of this closure are from August 15 through August 24. The closure will take place unless the coho run appears well above average in magnitude and the movement of coho to inshore waters appears to be good. 5 AAC 33.365 (b)(3).

Salmon trolling is permitted in all areas during the winter season (October 1 through April 14) except as follows: (see attached maps):

1. District 1

   - Section 1-D is closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.350. (b)(12)

   - Section 1-F, waters east of a line from the southernmost tip of Black Island, to the westernmost tip of Slate Island, to the westernmost tip of White Reef, to the easternmost tip of Black Rock, to the northernmost tip of Kirk Point, including all waters of Boca de Quadra are closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(4)(D)

2. District 8

   - Stikine River, waters inside a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island, to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, to the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northern end of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore are closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.350 (i)(2)

3. District 11

   - Section 11-A is closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(10)

   - Section 11-B is closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(10)

4. District 16 west of a line from the tip of Cape Fairweather to the tip of Lituya bay Point to the tip of Icy Point to the southernmost tip of Cape Spencer and those waters west and south of the

surfline are closed to the taking of king salmon. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(2)

5. Yakutat Area, all waters are closed to the taking of king salmon except those waters of Yakutat Bay east of a line from the easternmost tip of Ocean Cape to the southernmost tip of Point Mamby where there is no closed season for the taking of king salmon. 5 AAC 30.310 (b)(3)

Salmon trolling is permitted in all areas during the summer season (May 15 through September 20) except as follows: (see attached maps):

1. Those waters listed as closed in 5 AAC 33.350. CLOSED WATERS. of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game FINFISH REGULATIONS are closed to salmon trolling unless otherwise indicated from June 1 through September 20.

2. District 1

   - Section 1-C is closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through August 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(3)

   - Section 1-D is closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.350 (b)(12)

   - Section 1-E is closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through July 12. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(4)(A)

   - Section 1-F, waters north of the latitude of Foggy Point (54 55' 32" N. lat.) are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through June 14. 5AAC 33.310. (b)(4)(B)

   - Section 1-F, waters east of a line from the northernmost tip of Kirk Point to Mary Island light to the southwestern tip of Coney Island are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through July 12. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(4)(C)

   - Section 1-F, waters east of a line from the southernmost tip of Black Island to the westernmost tip of Slate Island to the westernmost tip of White Reef to the easternmost tip of Black Rock to the northernmost tip of Kirk Point, including all waters of Boca de Quadra are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through July 31. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(4)(D)

3. District 6

- Section 6-A waters east of a line from the southernmost tip of Mitchell Point to the northernmost tip of Point Colpoys <u>and section 6-B, north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Point Nesbitt</u> are closed to salmon trolling May 15 through June 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(6)

- Section 6-C and those portions of Sections 6-B, <u>south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Point Nesbitt</u>, and section 6-D north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Lincoln Rock are closed to commercial salmon trollng from May 15 through July 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(7)

4. District 8

- Stikine River, waters inside a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island, to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island to the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northern end of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore are closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.350 (i)(2)

- The remainder of District 8 is closed to salmon trolling from May 15 until the drift gillnet season begins on the third Monday in June. From the third Monday in June until September 20 the weekly trolling period shall be the same as for drift gillnetting in District 8. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(8).

5. District 10, waters south and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Boulder Point to the southernmost tip of Bay Point are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through June 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(9)

6. District 11

- Sections 11-A and 11-B are closed to salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(10)

- Sections 11-C and 11-D are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through June 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(10)

7. District 12, waters north of the latitude of Point Couverden, are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through June 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(11)

8. District 12, waters south of the latitude of the southernmost tip Point Couverden and north of the westernmost tip of Point Hepburn are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through May 31. 5AAC 33.310. (b)(14)

9. District 14

   - Port Frederick, waters south of a line from Inner Point Sophia light to the northernmost tip of Halibut Island then bearing 323 to Chichagof Island are closed to salmon trolling from August 2 through September 20. 5 AAC 33.350 (o)(5)

   - Sections 14-C is closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through May 31 5AAC 33.310. (b)(13)

10. District 15

   - Sections 15-A and 15-C are closed to salmon trolling from May 15 through June 14. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(14)

   - Section 15-B is closed to commercial salmon trolling. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(14)

11. Yakutat Area, in State of Alaska waters west of 139 39' 30" W. long. (1 mile west of the Lost River) and east of 140 40' 00" W. long. (Sitagi Bluffs) during the period from August 1 through September 20, the weekly fishing periods for trolling are the same as set gillnetting in the Situk River. 5 AAC 30.310 (b)(1)

12. Yakutat Area, the State of Alaska waters west of 138 15' W. long. and east of 139 39' 30" W. long. are closed to salmon trolling from August 1 through September 20. 5 AAC 30.310 (b)(4)

The 8 day on and 6 day off troll fishing periods will be in effect from July 15 through September 20 only in the following areas and will apply to both hand and power troll gear (5AAC 33.310. (b) (12):

1. District 12, north of the latitude of the westernmost tip of Point Hepburn. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(A)

2. District 14 except

- Cross Sound, west of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Dundas to the northernmost tip of Swanson Point, where seven day a week trolling will be allowed. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(B)

- Glacier Bay, north of 58 27' 54" N. lat., where seven day a week trolling will be allowed. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(B)

- Port Frederick, south of a line from Inner Point Sophia light to the northernmost tip of Halibut Island then bearing 323 to Chichagof Island, where seven day a week trolling will be allowed until the area closes to trolling on July 31. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(B)

3. Sections 15-A and 15-C. 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(C)

<u>During the 1983 season the open periods for the preceeding areas are as follows: 5 AAC 33.310 (b)(12)(D)</u>

<u>July 15 through July 18</u>
<u>July 25 through August 1</u>
<u>August 8 through August 15</u>
<u>August 22 through August 29</u>
<u>September 5 through September 12</u>
<u>September 19 through September 20</u>

Gear regulations for the 1983 season are as follows:

1. <u>Troll vessels may use multiple barbed hooks. 5 AAC 39.270 (g) repealed 4/16/83.</u>

2. A trolling vessel may have, or use for taking bait, a fishing rod equipped exclusively for taking bait or a gillnet of a mesh size no more than 2 1/2 inches and made of no greater than number 20 gill net thread. 5 AAC 39.270 (b)

3. Line and gurdy limits for power troll vessels are as follows:

- No more than four trolling lines may be operated from any power troll vessel in all State waters and Federal waters (FCZ) south of the latitude of Cape Spencer. 5 AAC 39.270 (a)(1)

- No more than six trolling lines may be operated from any power troll vessel in Federal waters

north of the latitude of Cape Spencer. 5 AAC 39.270 (a)(1)

- No more than 6 mounted gurdies may be on board any power troll vessel. 5 AAC 39.270 (e)

4. Line and gurdy limits for hand troll vessels are as follows:

   - A maximum of four fishing rods or two hand troll gurdies may be operated from any hand troll vessel. 5 AAC 39.270 (a)(3)

   - From each hand troll gurdy only one line with multiple leaders may be operated. 5 AAC 39.270 (a)(2)(A)

   - From each rod only one line with no more than one leader and one lure or two baited hooks per leader may be attached. 5 AAC 39.270 (a)(2)(B)

   - No more than two troll gurdies and four fishing rods may be on board any salmon hand troll vessel. 5 AAC 39.270 (e)

Gear definitions are as follows:

1. A troll gurdy is a spool type device designed to deploy and retrieve troll lines, weights and lures and does not include a reel attached to a fishing rod. 5 AAC 39.270 (h)(1)

2. A hand troll gurdy is a troll gurdy powered by hand or hand crank that is not mounted on or used in conjunction with a fishing rod. 5 AAC 39.270 (h)(2)

3. A fishing rod is a tapering often jointed rod equipped with a hand grip and line guides and upon which is mounted a hand powered reel used to deploy and retrieve the trolling line. 5 AAC 39.270 (h)(3)

4. A downrigger is a device designed to be used with a fishing rod to deploy a troll line to a selected depth and retrieve the downrigger line and weight. 5 AAC 39.270 (h)(4)

5. A downrigger is a troll gurdy (because a downrigger is defined as a troll gurdy, downriggers can't be used in conjunction with fishing rods from salmon troll vessels). 5 AAC 39.270 (h)(5)

Landing requirements for the 1983 season are as follows:

- King salmon taken must measure at least 28 inches from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail, or 23 inches from the midpoint of the clethral arch to the tip of the tail. 5 AAC 30.392 and 5 AAC 33.392

- Undersized king salmon which are taken must be returned to the water without injury, except those having a tag attached or a healed adipose fin clip. Tags and heads of undersized adipose fin clipped king salmon must be submitted, along with the date and location taken to the Department. Troll caught king salmon under 28 inches may not be sold. 5 AAC 30.392 and 5 AAC 33.392

- The heads of all fin clipped king and coho salmon must remain attached to the fish until sold. 5 AAC 30.392 and 393 and 5 AAC 33.392 and 393

- No king salmon may be mutilated or otherwise disfigured in any manner which prevents determining the minimum size. 5 AAC 30.392 and 5 AAC 33.392

- No salmon troll vessel may be used to take salmon when king salmon are aboard in an area closed to the taking of king salmon. 5 AAC 30.392 and 5 AAC 33.392

- No salmon troll vessel may be used to take salmon when coho salmon are aboard in an area closed to the taking of coho salmon. 5 AAC 30.392 and 5 AAC 33.392

- Fish tickets must be submitted prior to transporting fish out of state. 5 AAC 39.130 (b)

Registration requirements for troll vessels for the 1983 season are as follow:

1. Any vessel that is used as a salmon troll fishing vessel must be registered before April 15 of each calendar year. 5 AAC 39.115 (g)(4)

2. The owner or operator of any fishing vessel that is to be used to take salmon with hand or power troll gear shall register that vessel by checking the hand troll or power troll box on the CFEC vessel license application or renewal form. 5 AAC 39.120 (g)(5)

3. <u>Troll vessel registration is valid for the entire calendar year in which a vessel is registered. 5</u>

AAC 39.120 (g)(6)

4. No fishing vessel may be registered simultaneously as both a hand and a power troll vessel. 5 AAC 39.120 (g)(2)

5. A troll vessel's registration may be changed to another troll gear during the open season when a written request for the change has been validated by the Department. 5 AAC 39.120 (g)(2)

6. A registered vessel must display the appropriate markings indicated below under marking requirements. 5 AAC 39.270 (c) and (d)

7. Sport fishing is prohibited from registered troll vessels except in derby areas during derbies authorized by the Department of Fish and Game and for charter boats (see special requirements for charter boats below). 5 AAC 49.060

8. Troll vessels that will be used as charter boats must complete additional registration requirements. This can be accomplished by obtaining a charter boat registration application from Fish and Game offices. 5 AAC 49.060 and 5 AAC 75.995 (8)

Late registration requirements are as follows:

- To qualify for an extension of the April 15 troll vessel registration deadline a person shall:

1. Have participated during the previous season in the troll fishery. 5 AAC 39.123 (a)(1)

2. Have applied, before the registration deadline for an interim-use or entry troll permit and vessel license. 5 AAC 39.123 (a)(2)

3. Provide written documentation that will substantiate the reasons that registration was not completed by the deadline. 5 AAC 39.123 (a)(3)

Marking requirements for salmon troll vessels are as follows:

- Each registered power troll vessel must display its permanent vessel license plate number in permanent symbols of black on white background. Each number must be at least 12 inches in height, with lines at least one inch in width and must be permanently affixed on both sides of the cabin or hull so as not to be obscured. The numbers must be displayed at all

times until the end of the calendar year. 5 AAC 39.270 (c)

- Each registered hand troll vessel must display the letters HT in permanent block letters. Each letter must be painted on both sides of the vessel hull or cabin in a color contrasting with the background, at least eight inches in height, at least one-half inch in width, plainly visible and unobscured at all times. The letters must be displayed at all times until the end of the calendar year. No hand troll vessel may display its permanent vessel plate number (ADF&G number) in any location other than on the vessel license plate. 5 AAC 39.270 (d)

The following is a summary of the important regulations relating to the use of troll gear for commercial halibut fishing.

1. Halibut may be taken only by hand troll gear, mechanical jigging machines and longlines, except that halibut incidentally taken during the open commercial halibut season by power and hand troll gear being fished for salmon consistent with applicable state laws and regulations are legally taken and possessed. The provisions for incidental halibut harvest are only valid at times and in areas where both the commercial salmon troll and halibut season are open. (5AAC 39.381)

2. During any closed salmon troll season troll fishermen may not land halibut with salmon interim use or entry permit cards. Commercial fishing for halibut during a closed salmon trolling season may only be done by fishermen with valid halibut hand troll, mechanical jigging machine or longline permits. (5AAC 39.381)

3. <u>A mechanical jigging machine is a mechanical device with line and hooks used to jig for halibut and bottomfish, but does not include hand gurdies or rods with reels. 5AAC 39.105 (25).</u>

4. It is unlawful for any person to possess any salmon aboard a vessel that has taken or is equipped to take bottomfish or halibut with a mechanical jigging machine. No person may purchase or sell any salmon from any vessel while purchasing or selling bottomfish or halibut taken with a mechanical jigging machine. 5AAC 39.380(c)

5. Under the provisions of the 1983 Halibut Moritorium as adopted by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council only those trollers who qualify for 1983 can land halibut with troll gear or mechanical jigging machines. This includes the provisions for the incidental take of halibut discussed above.

KETCHIKAN AREA
1983 Commercial Trolling Areas and Seasons*

	OCT. 1 – APR. 14 AUG. 15 – SEPT. 20	7 days per week
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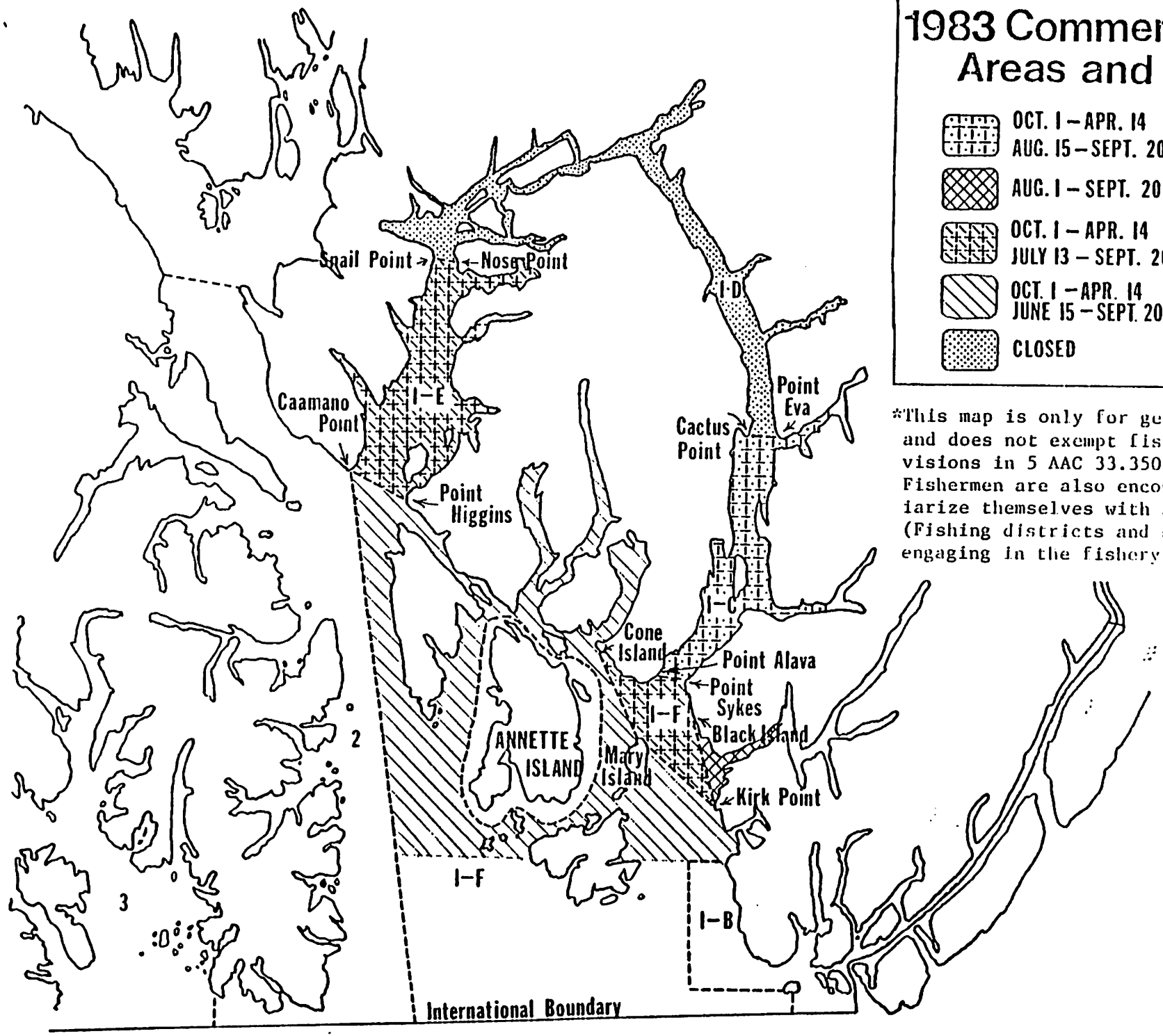
	CLOSED	all year

*This map is only for general information and does not exempt fishermen from provisions in 5 AAC 33.350 (closed waters). Fishermen are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with section 5 AAC 33.200 (Fishing districts and sections) before engaging in the fishery.



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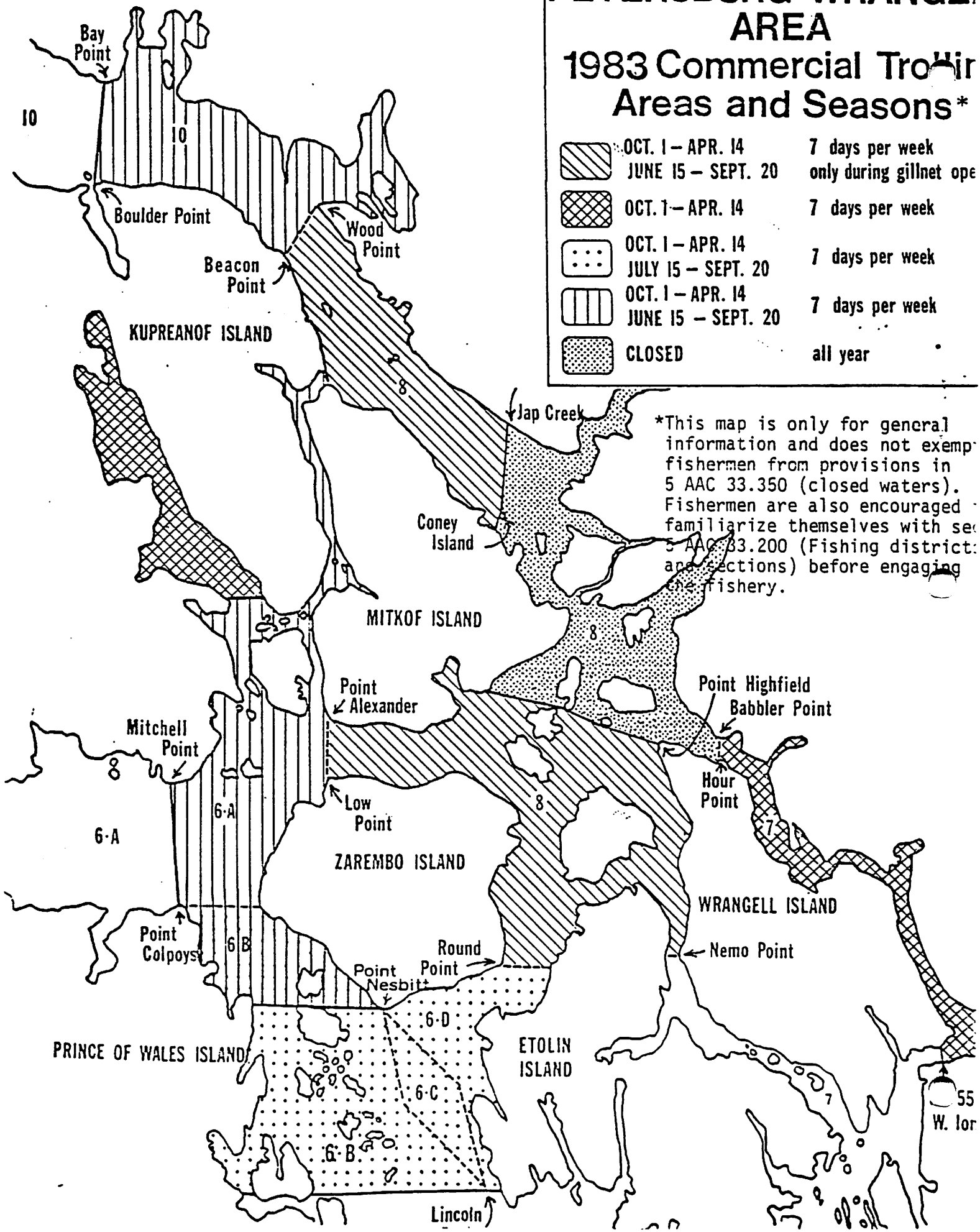

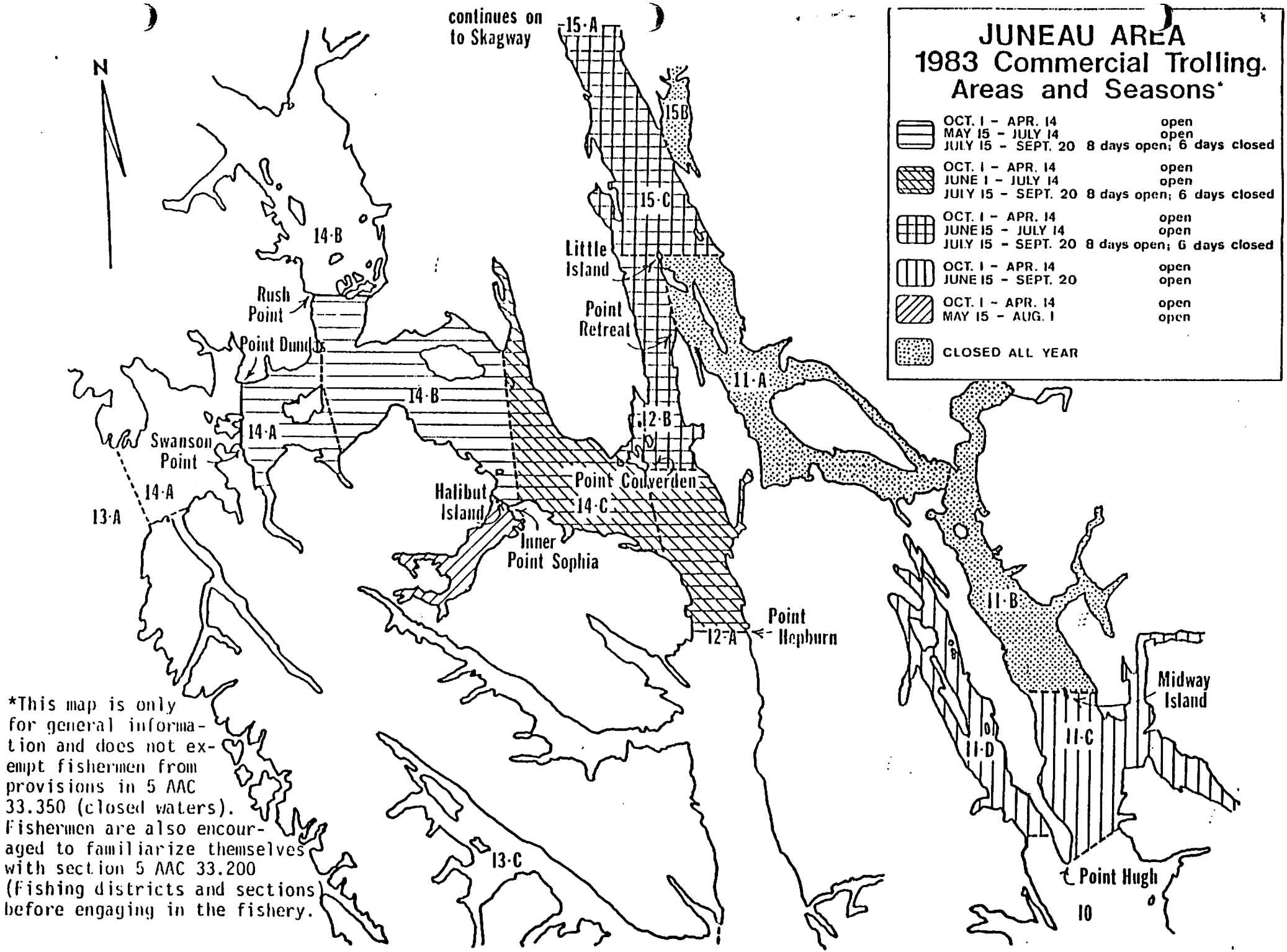
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1983 Commercial Trolling
Areas and Seasons*
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Point Retreat
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Point Dundas
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Swanson Point
14-A
13-A
12-B
Point Colverden
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Halibut Island
Inner Point Sophia
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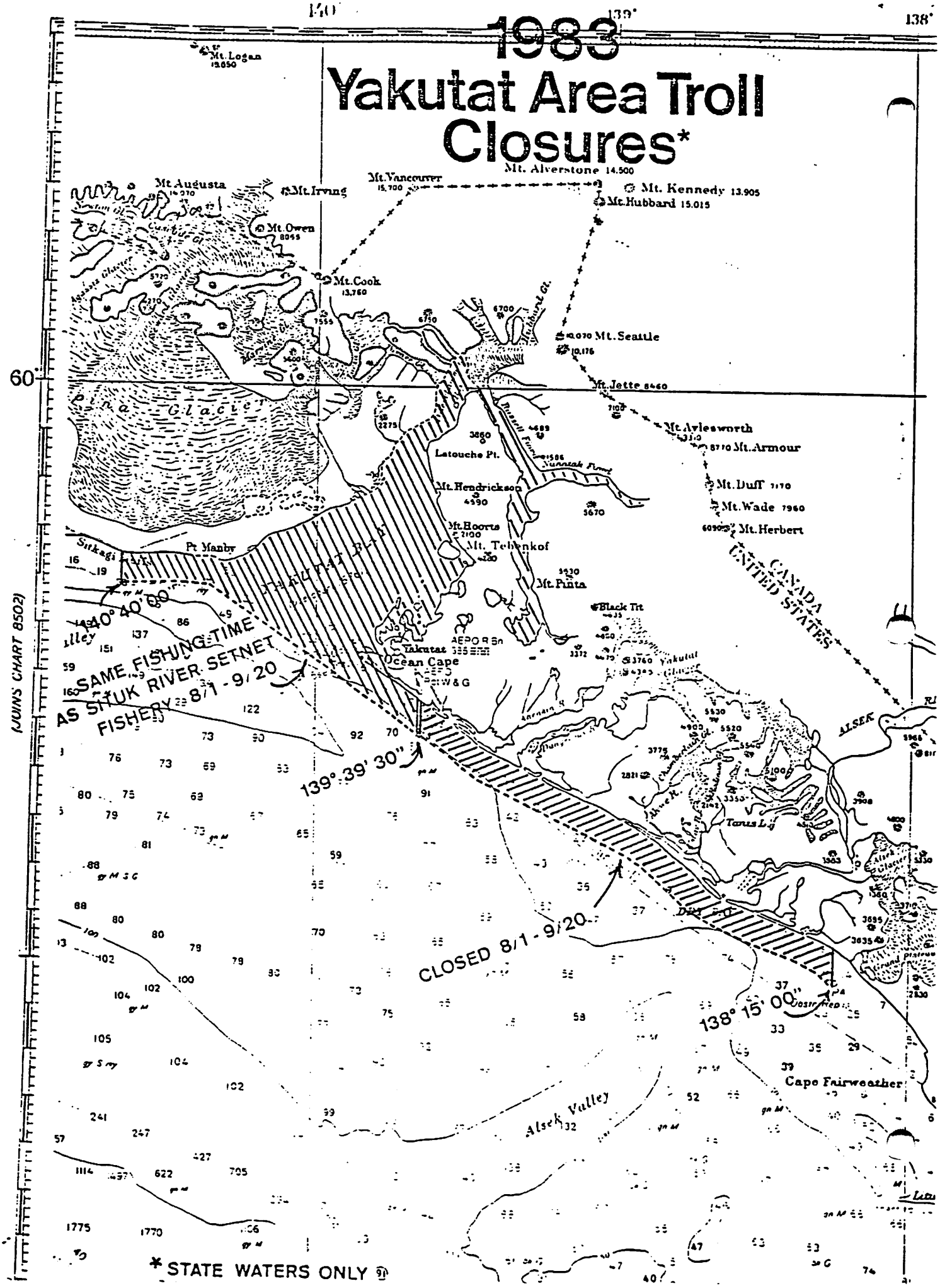
1983 Yakutat Area Troll Closures*