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I-1. Southern Southeast Chinook Salmon Enhancement

The purpose of this program is to increase Chinook salmon fishing opportunities in the local marine sport fisheries around Petersburg and Ketchikan, along with some harvests in other Southeast Alaska marine sport fisheries. In Petersburg, Blind Slough is the intertidal outlet of Crystal Creek and Crystal Lake, which is the water source for Crystal Lake Hatchery (CLH). Blind Slough is located on the Petersburg road system approximately 15 miles south of town and its waters terminate into the Wrangell Narrows. Sport fishing is a popular recreational activity at Blind Slough with Chinook salmon fishing effort by residents and visitors occurring between late-May and August in a designated terminal harvest area that includes Blind Slough and a portion of the Wrangell Narrows.

In Ketchikan, a release of Chinook salmon will be made at Herring Cove into the waters of Carroll Inlet. Smolt are transported to net pens in Carroll Inlet from Whitman Lake Hatchery (WLH) for short-term saltwater rearing, imprinting, and release. This release supports popular terminal marine and shoreline sport fisheries in the area around Herring Cove, and accounts for a large portion of Chinook sport fish harvest in the Ketchikan area. The unique shoreline fishing opportunity provided by this release benefits anglers who are not able to utilize marine boats for sport fishing.

The Division of Sport Fish maintains cooperative agreements with the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) to operate CLH and provide releases of Chinook salmon smolt for Petersburg area sport fisheries, and to release Chinook salmon from WLH at Herring Cove to support Ketchikan area sport fisheries.

1. Petersburg Area

An annual release of up to 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt reared at CLH will be made into Crystal Creek. These fish will be from Andrew Creek ancestral stock. Broodstock will be collected from returns to Crystal Creek to be used for releases at Crystal Creek.

2. Ketchikan Area

An annual release of up to 700,000 Chinook salmon reared at SSRAA's Whitman Lake Hatchery will be released at Herring Cove in the waters Carroll Inlet in the Ketchikan area. These fish will be from Chickamin River ancestral stock.

Additionally, SSRAA also conducts their own Chinook salmon production in the Prince of Wales and Wrangell areas utilizing CLH rearing capacity. Funding of Chinook salmon smolt reared at CLH for an annual release at Port Saint Nicholas and Anita Bay comes from SSRAA.

- a) An annual release of up to 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt will be made at SSRAA's Port Saint Nicholas Hatchery. This release will be comprised of up to 250,000 smolt produced by SSRAA and up to 450,000 smolt produced at the CLH facility near Petersburg. Both releases will be from Chickamin River ancestral stock.
- b) An annual release of 500,000 Chinook salmon reared at CLH will be made at Anita Bay near Wrangell. Broodstock will be collected from returns to Crystal Creek and will be Andrew Creek ancestral stock.

Objectives

1. Generate 2,500 angler days of salmon fishing effort per year at Blind Slough, and 4,000 angler-days effort in the Wrangell Narrows marine boat fishery that in part result from annual releases of up to 700,000 Chinook Salmon at CLH. Additionally, enhance angling effort levels in the Petersburg and other non-terminal marine sport fisheries as Chinook salmon return to CLH.

I-1. Southern Southeast Chinook Salmon Enhancement (continued)

2. Provide for a harvest of 3,000 Chinook salmon per year within Blind Slough and the Wrangell Narrows marine boat fishery resulting from the release of up to 700,000 Chinook salmon at CLH. Additionally, enhance Chinook salmon harvest levels in Petersburg and other non-terminal marine sport fisheries as Chinook salmon return to CLH.
3. Generate 5,000 angler days of salmon fishing effort per year in the Ketchikan area marine sport fishery resulting from releases of 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt at Herring Cove.
4. Provide for a harvest of up to 1,000 Chinook salmon in the Ketchikan area marine sport fishery resulting from the release of 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt at Herring Cove.

Actions

1. Annually stock up to 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt in Crystal Creek of which 100% will be adipose fin-clipped and at least 20% will be tagged with coded wire.
2. Annually stock up to 700,000 Chinook salmon smolt at Herring Cove of which 20% will be adipose fin-clipped and coded wire tagged.

Evaluations

1. Sport fishing effort, and Chinook salmon harvest at Blind Slough and Wrangell Narrows terminal area will be estimated through the Statewide Harvest Survey.
2. Hatchery Chinook salmon harvest in the Petersburg marine boat fishery will be monitored through a coded wire sampling program conducted at the docking facilities in Petersburg.
3. Sport fishing effort and Chinook salmon harvest in the marine boat fishery outside of the terminal area will be monitored through the statewide harvest survey project and a creel survey program conducted at the docking facilities in Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan, Prince of Wales Island, Sitka, and Juneau.
4. Sport fishing effort and Chinook salmon harvest in the marine charter boat fishery will be monitored via the mandatory statewide charter logbook program.

I-2. Juneau Chinook Salmon Enhancement

The purpose of this program is to: 1) increase Chinook salmon fishing opportunities in the Juneau marine boat sport fishery, 2) provide saltwater shoreline Chinook salmon sport fishing opportunities in Gastineau Channel, Auke Bay, and Fritz Cove, and 3) provide freshwater Chinook salmon fishing opportunities at Fish Creek. This enhancement program is carried out by the Douglas Island Pink and Chum Corporation, Inc. through a contractual agreement with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish.

In the spring, Chinook salmon smolt are held for imprinting and released from net pens in Fish Creek Pond, Auke Bay, and Gastineau Channel. Returning adults support a popular sport fishery in terminal areas and provide additional Chinook salmon to common property fisheries in the region. Harvests of hatchery Chinook salmon are especially beneficial at times when abundance of wild Chinook salmon stocks is at lower levels and more restrictive fishing measures must be implemented. Liberalized sport fishing regulations can be implemented in terminal harvest areas where Alaska hatchery Chinook salmon will return. This has provided significant benefits to both resident and non-resident sport anglers.

Objectives

1. Provide an additional annual harvest of 2000 Chinook salmon in the Juneau marine boat sport fishery.
2. Generate 4,5000 angler-days of fishing effort per year for Chinook salmon within the Juneau terminal harvest area.
3. Provide an additional harvest of 1,200 Chinook salmon per year at saltwater shoreline areas in the Juneau terminal harvest area and in the freshwaters of Fish Creek.

Actions

1. Annually stock up to 250,000 Chinook salmon smolt in Fish Creek, of which 20% (50,000) will be coded-wire tagged with a valid tag code, and a 100% (250,000) will be adipose fin-clipped.
2. Annually stock up to 90,000 Chinook salmon in Auke Bay, of which 20% will be coded-wire tagged with a valid tag code, and a 100% will be adipose fin-clipped.
3. Annually stock up to 160,000 Chinook salmon in Gastineau Channel, of which 20% will be coded-wire tagged with a valid tag code, and a 100% will be adipose fin-clipped.

Evaluations

1. Sport fishing effort and hatchery Chinook salmon harvests from saltwater shoreline areas in the Juneau terminal harvest area, and at Fish Creek will be estimated through the Statewide Harvest Survey.
2. Sport fishing effort and Chinook salmon harvest in the marine boat fishery will be monitored through a creel survey program conducted at launch ramp and docking facilities in Juneau.

I-3. Blind Slough Coho Salmon Enhancement

The purpose of this program is to mitigate losses of Crystal Creek spawning habitat associated with operation of the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project, by enhancing coho salmon fishing opportunities at Blind Slough below Crystal Lake Hatchery and in the local marine sport fishery around Petersburg.

Blind Slough is the intertidal outlet of Crystal Creek and Crystal Lake, which is the water source for Crystal Lake Hatchery and Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project owned and operated by Petersburg Municipal Power & Light. Blind Slough is located on the Petersburg road system approximately 15 miles south of town. Sport fishing is the most popular recreational activity at Blind Slough and receives coho salmon fishing effort by residents and visitors during August and September.

Objectives

1. Provide for a harvest of 1,500 coho salmon per year at Blind Slough and in the Wrangell Narrows marine boat sport fishery.
2. Generate 2,000 angler-days of fishing effort per year in Blind Slough and 2,000 angler days effort in the Wrangell Narrows marine boat fishery.

Actions

1. Annually stock up to 120,000 coho salmon smolt in Crystal Creek of which at least 20,000 fish will be adipose fin-clipped and tagged with coded wire.

Evaluations

1. Sport fishing effort and coho salmon harvest at Blind Slough and Wrangell Narrows terminal area will be estimated through the Statewide Harvest Survey.

I-4. Swan Lake Rainbow Trout Enhancement

The purpose of this program is to increase the availability of rainbow trout in Swan Lake located in downtown Sitka to improve angler success. Swan Lake is the site of an annual Junior Trout Derby for young anglers and receives a considerable amount of fishing pressure during the open water season. Resident fish include rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, and Dolly Varden. Regulations adopted by the Board of Fisheries closed the inlet stream to fishing to protect the spawning and rearing trout populations. This stocking project will not necessarily increase the amount of fishing effort per year, but it will provide a higher degree of success for derby anglers and general public who fish Swan Lake.

Objectives

1. Generate 200 angler-days of fishing effort per year for young anglers fishing Swan Lake.
2. Provide for a harvest of 150 rainbow trout per year at Swan Lake.

Actions

1. Annually supplement the existing rainbow trout population in Swan Lake with approximately 300 subcatchable rainbow trout from nearby Sukoi Lake.

Evaluations

1. A portion of transferred fish will be given a mark prior to release at Swan Lake, and derby catch and harvest will be monitored and sampled to estimate annual transfer contributions. When possible, on-site sampling will be conducted at Sukoi Lake to assess stock status.

I-5. Ketchikan Road System Lake Enhancement Program

The purpose of this program is to provide sport fishing opportunities in fresh water by stocking rainbow trout at three lakes in Ketchikan. All three of the sites are freshwater lakes that are easily accessible from the Ketchikan road system. The sites that will be stocked are Harriet Hunt Lake, Carlanna Lake, and Ketchikan City Park Ponds. The fish released into the City Park Ponds will be used for the annual Kids Fishing Derby. The lakes selected for stocking are barriered and considered Category 3 lakes under the Sport Fish Stocking Policy. The policy allows for the use of verified all-female triploid rainbow trout as long as there is no possibility of stocked fish interbreeding with native populations or establishing a new population.

The egg source for these releases will be eyed certified, all-female triploid eggs from the rainbow trout captive broodstock program at the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery (WJHSFH). Eyed eggs are transported from WJHSFH to the Deer Mountain Hatchery, operated by Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, where they will be incubated and reared to target stocking size. Funding for this project is provided by ADF&G.

Objectives

1. Provide more freshwater fishing opportunity on the Ketchikan road system.
2. Generate 2,000 angler-days of opportunity directed at rainbow trout fishing in Ketchikan.
3. Provide for a harvest of 3,000 triploid rainbow trout per year at Harriet Hunt Lake, Carlanna Lake and City Park Ponds.

Actions (see Table I-5a)

1. Annually stock up to 12,000 triploid rainbow trout into Carlanna Lake in the late spring or early summer.
2. Annually stock up to 40,000 triploid rainbow trout into Harriet Hunt Lake in the late spring or early summer.
3. Annually stock up to 2,000 catchable triploid rainbow trout into Ketchikan City Park Ponds just prior to Kids Fishing Day starting in 2021.

Evaluations

1. Sport fishing effort and rainbow trout harvest at Harriet Hunt Lake and Carlanna Lake will be estimated through the Statewide Harvest Survey and anecdotal assessments during Kids Fishing Day and other peak fishing times and events.

Table I-5a. Stocking actions for Ketchikan road system non-anadromous enhancement program.

Lake	Lake Size (Acres)	Lake Category	Species	Stocking Schedule
Carlanna Lake	33.9	3	Rainbow	Annual
Harriet Hunt Lake	194	3	Rainbow	Annual
Ketchikan City Park Ponds	<1	3	Rainbow	Annual

REGION I: Chinook salmon Summary By Area

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Table I-KS1. Summary of Chinook salmon releases in Region I by area and lifestage.

26-Nov-25

Area	Lifestage	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Juneau	Smolt	500,000	0	0	0	0
		500,000	0	0	0	0
Ketchikan	Smolt	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
		700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Petersburg	Smolt	1,150,000	0	0	0	0
		1,150,000	0	0	0	0
Prince of Wales	Smolt	450,000	0	0	0	0
		450,000	0	0	0	0
Total Chinook salmon		2,800,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000

REGION I: coho salmon Summary By Area

Sport Fish 5-Year Stocking Plan

Table I-SS1. Summary of coho salmon releases in Region I by area and lifestage.

26-Nov-25

Area	Lifestage	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Petersburg	Smolt	120,000	0	0	0	0
		120,000	0	0	0	0
	Total coho salmon	120,000	0	0	0	0

REGION I: rainbow trout Summary By Area

Sport Fish 5-Year Stocking Plan

Table I-RT1. Summary of rainbow trout releases in Region I by area and lifestage.

26-Nov-25

Area	Lifestage	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Ketchikan	Catchable	2,000	0	0	0	0
Ketchikan	Sub/Catchable	52,000	0	0	0	0
		54,000	0	0	0	0
Sitka	Subcatchable	300	300	300	300	300
		300	300	300	300	300
Total rainbow trout		54,300	300	300	300	300

REGION I: Chinook salmon Summary By Lifestage

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Table I-KS2. Summary of Chinook salmon releases in Region I by lifestage and area.

26-Nov-25

Lifestage	Area	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Smolt	Juneau	500,000	0	0	0	0
Smolt	Ketchikan	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Smolt	Petersburg	1,150,000	0	0	0	0
Smolt	Prince of Wales	450,000	0	0	0	0
		2,800,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
	Total Chinook salmon	2,800,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000

REGION I: coho salmon Summary By Lifestage

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Table I-SS2. Summary of coho salmon releases in Region I by lifestage and area.

26-Nov-25

Lifestage	Area	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Smolt	Petersburg	120,000	0	0	0	0
		120,000	0	0	0	0
	Total coho salmon	120,000	0	0	0	0

REGION I: rainbow trout Summary By Lifestage

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Table I-RT2. Summary of rainbow trout releases in Region I by lifestage and area.

26-Nov-25

Lifestage	Area	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Catchable	Ketchikan	2,000	0	0	0	0
		2,000	0	0	0	0
Sub/Catchable	Ketchikan	52,000	0	0	0	0
		52,000	0	0	0	0
Subcatchable	Sitka	300	300	300	300	300
		300	300	300	300	300
Total rainbow trout		54,300	300	300	300	300

REGION I: Chinook salmon Planned Releases

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Table I-KS3. Planned releases of Chinook salmon in Region I listed by area and release site.

26-Nov-25

Fishery Plan	Area	Hatchery	Release Site	Lifestage	Lake Ploidy Category	Target Release Size/Date	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
I-2	Juneau	Macaulay	Auke Ck	Smolt	2N	25g / 31 May	90,000	0	0	0	0 (a)
I-2	Juneau	Macaulay	Fish Ck	Smolt	2N	25g / 31 May	250,000	0	0	0	0 (a)
I-2	Juneau	Macaulay	Gastineau Channel	Smolt	2N	25g / 31 May	160,000	0	0	0	0 (a)
Total:							500,000	0	0	0	0
I-1	Ketchikan		Herring Cove	Smolt	2N	25g / 31 May	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000 (b)
Total:							700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
I-1	Petersburg	Crystal L	Anita Bay	Smolt	2N	20g / 31 May	450,000	0	0	0	0 (c)
I-1	Petersburg	Crystal L	Crystal Ck	Smolt	2N	20g / 31 May	700,000	0	0	0	0 (b)
Total:							1,150,000	0	0	0	0
I-1	Prince of Wales	Crystal L	Port Saint Nicholas	Smolt	2N	25g / 31 May	450,000	0	0	0	0 (c)
Total:							450,000	0	0	0	0
Total Chinook salmon							2,800,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000

Notes:

- (a) Stocking after FY 26 is dependent on funding; Cooperative effort between ADF&G and DIPAC.
- (b) Stocking after FY 26 is dependent on funding; Cooperative effort between ADF&G and SSRAA.
- (c) SSRAA funded release.

REGION I: coho salmon Planned Releases

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Table I-SS3. Planned releases of coho salmon in Region I listed by area and release site.

26-Nov-25

Fishery Plan	Area	Hatchery	Release Site	Lifestage	Lake Ploidy Category	Target Release Size/Date	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
I-3	Petersburg	Crystal L	Blind Slough	Smolt	2N	10g / 31 May	120,000	0	0	0	0 (a)
Total:							120,000	0	0	0	0
Total coho salmon							120,000	0	0	0	0

Notes:

(a) Stocking after FY 26 is dependent on funding; Cooperative effort between ADF&G and SSRAA.

REGION I: rainbow trout Planned Releases

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Table I-RT3. Planned releases of rainbow trout in Region I listed by area and release site.

26-Nov-25

Fishery Plan	Area	Hatchery	Release Site	Lifestage	Lake Ploidy	Category	Target Release Size/Date	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
I-5	Ketchikan		City Park Ponds	Catchable	3N	3	100g / Summer	2,000	0	0	0	0 (b)
Total:								2,000	0	0	0	0
I-5	Ketchikan		Carlanna L	Sub/Catchable	3N	3	100g / Spring	12,000	0	0	0	0 (b)
I-5	Ketchikan		Harriet Hunt L	Sub/Catchable	3N	3	100g / Spring	40,000	0	0	0	0 (b)
Total:								52,000	0	0	0	0
I-4	Sitka		Swan L	Subcatchable	2N	3	sub-legal / 31 May	300	300	300	300	300 (a)
Total:								300	300	300	300	300
Total rainbow trout								54,300	300	300	300	300

Notes:

(a) Wild fish transferred from Sukoi Lake.

(b) Stocking after FY 26 is dependent on funding; Cooperative effort between ADF&G and SSRAA.