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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, June 16, 2019:

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 20, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of Akeku Point at 54° 50.03' N. lat., 130° 29.78' W. long., located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56° 13.93' N. lat., 132° 52.35' W. long., to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56° 13.22' N. lat., 132° 51.84' W. long. to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56° 10.68' N. lat., 132° 44.36' W. long. to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56° 10.27' N. lat., 132° 43.57' W. long., to a point on Etolin Island at 56° 09.60' N. lat., 132° 42.70' W. long., to the tip of Point Stanhope at 56° 00.69' N. lat., 132° 36.47' W. long., and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55° 59.05' N. lat., 132° 44.08' W. long.;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

District 8: will be closed.

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet/Stephens Passage: will be closed north and west of a line from Greely Point at 58° 12.85' N. lat., 134° 05.02' W. long. to a point at 58° 12.85' N. lat., 134° 07.05' W. long. to a point on the Admiralty Island shoreline north of Station Point at 58° 01.74' N. lat., 134° 07.05' W. long.;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58° 02.03' N. lat., 133° 59.59' W. long., to a point on the south shore at 58° 01.72' N. lat., 133° 59.43' W. long. (outside markers);

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57° 58.42' N. lat., 133° 53.93' W. long. to Point Anmer at 57° 56.07' N. lat., 133° 51.05' W. long.;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light at 58° 58.25' N. lat., 135° 13.26' W. long. and east of line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2.0 nautical miles (nmi) from the eastern shoreline at 58° 50.80' N. lat., 135° 12.77' W. long., and north of the latitude of Sherman Rock at 58° 50.80' N. lat., with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: Postage Stamp area will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, south of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58° 35.46' N. lat., 135° 13.26' W. long. and east of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58° 32.41' N. lat., 135° 01.13' W. long., with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be open within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of latitude of Lance Point at 58° 43.95' N. lat., and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58° 36.96' N. lat., 135° 08.40' W. long., from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

The inside area of the Boat Harbor THA west of 135° 09.57' W. long. will be open continuously starting 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16 with no mesh restriction and no night closures.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of other fish from an opening are delivered.

Chinook salmon less than 28" harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaska allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are asked to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional areas. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regard to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. In addition, Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will be sampling Chinook salmon harvest to identify Alaska hatchery-reared Chinook salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaska share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S0919.

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