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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 16, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019:

District 2: will be open north of 54° 47.08' N. lat. (located approximately 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) south of McLean Point Light), south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55° 00.73' N. lat., 131° 58.93' W. long., and west of a line from approximately 2.0 nmi east of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55° 00.73' N. lat., 131° 55.32' W. long. to approximately 2.2 nmi east and 0.5 nmi south of McLean Point Light at 54° 47.08' N. lat., 131° 53.96' W. long., with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 16, 2019:

Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 16, 2019:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nmi from the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58° 02.44' N. lat., 134° 57.50' W. long., to a point at 58° 03.00' N. lat., 134° 57.85' W. long., south of 58°03.00' N. lat., and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58° 01.63' N. lat. (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point at 57° 48.33' N. lat., 134° 56.92' W. long. to a point at 57° 46.34' N. lat., 134° 56.07' W. long. to South Passage Point at 57° 45.85' N. lat., 134° 56.32' W. long., and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point at 135° 07.10' W. long.;

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point at 57° 16.28' N. lat., 134° 51.78' W. long., to a point offshore at 57° 16.28' N. lat., 134° 48.00' W. long., then running south to a point offshore at 57° 06.76' N. lat., 134° 43.00' W. long., then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 06.76' N. lat., 134° 47.50' W. long., with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57° 13.36' N. lat., 134° 50.53' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 12.48' N. lat., 134° 50.98' W. long.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 13.

The Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs are new common property fisheries. For descriptions of the THAs, expected returns, and fishing schedules, refer to the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs news releases on May 2 and May 9.

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 other fish from an opening are delivered.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

The 2019 forecasted run of summer chum salmon to Hidden Falls THA is 1,603,000 chum salmon. Of this return, 200,000 fish are needed for broodstock leaving 1,403,000 fish available for common property harvest. NSRAA is not planning any direct cost-recovery harvest at Hidden Falls. Additionally, there will be no tax assessment in the Hidden Falls THA. Purse seine openings are scheduled for June 16, June 20, and June 23. Subsequent openings will depend on inseason run strength.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019.**

Copies of the “2019 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

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