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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 23, 2019:

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 27**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54° 50.03' N. lat.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, 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 open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south of a line from the mainland shore at 56° 50.67' N. lat., 132° 47.36' W. long. to a point on McDonald Island at 56° 50.76' N. lat., 132° 49.25' W. long. and south and west of a line from a point on McDonald Island at 56° 50.76' N. lat., 132° 49.25' W. long. to the southern tip of Sukoi Island at 56° 53.28' N. lat., 132° 55.91' W. long. to Sukoi Island Light at 56° 53.73' N. lat., 132° 56.64' W. long. to a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline at the District 10 boundary at 56° 57.13' N. lat., 132° 59.05' W. long.;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River, including Chichagof Pass and Zimovia Straits, will be closed east of a line from the western shore of Blind Slough at 56° 30.71' N. lat., 132° 43.48' W. long. to Craig Point Light at 56° 27.40' N. lat., 132° 42.95' W. long. to South Craig Point at 56° 23.40' N. lat., 132° 37.34' W. long. to Reef Point at 56° 21.37' N. lat., 132° 33.54' W. long. to a point on Etolin Island at 56° 20.00' N. lat., 132° 32.30' W. long.;

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

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, 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 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, south of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58° 35.46' N. lat., 135° 01.13' W. long. and east of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58° 32.41' N. lat., 135° 02.83' 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 from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25**, within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the 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., with the following restrictions:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of the latitude of 58° 43.05' N. lat.;

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 with no mesh restriction and no night closures.

The department has been asked to notify the District 15 drift gillnet fleet of a new floating oyster and kelp mariculture site established on East Mab Island in the waters of Bridget Cove. The floating lines are well marked, and mariners are advised to use caution in their vicinity.

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 1S1419.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 25 (June 16 through June 22)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 20, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	300	450	500	600	900	2,750	30	4
District 6	50	250	150	450	150	1,050	29	2
District 11	80	200	0	0	800	1,080	40	2
District 15	200	450	10	20	6,800	7,480	105	2
Total	630	1,350	660	1,070	8,650	12,360		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	10	15	17	20	30	92
District 6	2	9	5	16	5	36
District 11	2	5	0	0	20	27
District 15	2	4	0	0	65	71

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: confidential.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: confidential.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,000 Chinook salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,700 Chinook and 75 chum salmon.

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