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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 30, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4**, 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, 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 the tip of 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56° 57.13' N. lat., 132° 59.05' W. long., to Sukoi Island Light at 56° 53.73' N. lat., 132° 56.64' W. long., to Frederick Point at 56° 47.55' N. lat., 132° 49.27' W. long., and south and east of a line from a point 1.3 nmi north of Bear Creek at 56° 42.93' N. lat., 132° 44.53' W. long., to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore at 56° 46.63' N. lat., 132° 37.09' W. long.;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed northeast of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56° 31.88' N. lat., 132° 40.66' W. long., to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56° 31.83' N. lat., 132° 40.17' W. long., to Two Tree Island Light at 56° 29.65' N. lat., 132° 38.06' W. long., to Neal Point Light at 56° 26.92' N. lat., 132° 36.00' W. long., to Ancon Point Light at 56° 24.30' N. lat., 132° 33.32' W. long., to East

Point at 56° 22.97' N. lat., 132° 24.28' W. long., to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point at 56° 22.97' N. lat., 132° 21.42' 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2,** with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of 58° 14.70' N. lat. (approximately 0.5 nmi north of Cooper Point);

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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2,** 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2,** 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2,** 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 and west of a line from Lance Point at 58° 43.95' N. lat., 135° 13.98' W. long., to a point at the southern entrance of William Henry Bay at 58° 43.10' N. lat., 135° 13.83' W. long.;**

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.

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.

All Chinook salmon 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 1S1919.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26 (June 23 through June 29)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 27, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	500	1,700	500	4,000	5,000	11,700	35	4
District 6	70	500	300	3,000	1,000	4,870	36	2
District 8	150	1,000	10	30	60	1,250	10	2
District 11	150	1,000	0	100	3,000	4,250	40	2
District 15	90	1,500	30	400	29,000	31,020	133	2
Total	960	5,700	840	7,530	38,060	53,090		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	14	49	14	114	143	334
District 6	2	14	8	83	28	135
District 8	15	100	1	3	6	125
District 11	4	25	0	3	75	106
District 15	1	11	0	3	218	233

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: confidential.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 350 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook and 400 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,500 Chinook and 50 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,200 Chinook and 1,300 chum salmon.

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