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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, July 14, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 18, 2019** 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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 2019** 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;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys at 56° 20.18' N. lat., 132° 11.90' W. long., to Rookery Island Light at 56° 18.85' N. lat., 133° 06.34' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Fire Island at 56° 14.04' N. lat., 132° 03.59' W. long., to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 56° 14.04' N. lat., 132° 04.41' W. long.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 2019** 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.;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56° 17.83' N. lat., 132° 23.04' W. long., to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait;

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

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 17, 2019 with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north and east of a line from Jaw Point at 58° 16.81' N. lat., 134° 04.34' W. long. to Annex Creek at 58° 19.06' N. lat., 134° 05.94' W. long.;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58° 02.09' N. lat., 133° 58.87' W. long., to a point on the south shore at 58° 01.92' N. lat., 133° 58.87' W. long. (inside 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: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58° 07.76' N. lat.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 2019** 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 restriction:

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

Section 15-C: Postage Stamp area will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 17, 2019 south of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58° 35.46' N. lat., and north of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58° 32.41' N. lat.,** with the following restriction:

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

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 18, 2019** within 2.0 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 restriction:

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.

There will be no night closures in effect in District 15.

The inside area of the Boat Harbor THA west of 135° 09.57' W. long. will be open continuously with no mesh restriction.

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 1S2719.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 28 (July 7 through July 13)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 11, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	100	2,000	300	16,000	17,000	35,400	40	4
District 6	125	2,500	1,500	18,000	6,500	28,625	43	2
District 8	1,300	600	75	800	4,800	7,575	25	2
District 11	350	9,500	150	24,000	46,000	80,000	95	3
District 15	145	8,000	45	17,500	99,000	124,690	180	4
Total	2,020	22,600	2,070	76,300	173,300	276,290		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	3	50	8	400	425	885
District 6	3	58	35	419	151	666
District 8	52	24	3	32	192	303
District 11	4	100	2	253	484	842
District 15	1	44	0	97	550	693

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,500 chum salmon.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 600 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 3,000 Chinook and 500 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,100 Chinook and 500 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,300 Chinook and 47,000 chum salmon.

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