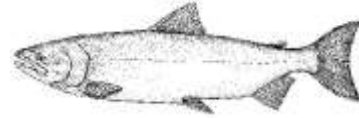

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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 21, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23**, 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23**, 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 closed.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, with the following restrictions:

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 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, in waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59° 04.21' N. lat., and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59° 04.21' N. lat., 135° 16.23' W. long., to Eldred Rock Light at 58° 58.25' N. lat., 135° 13.26' W. long., 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:**

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

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

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 25, in the waters south of the latitude of Point Bridget at of 58° 40.73' N. lat., and north of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58° 32.41' N. lat.**

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, until further notice in those waters within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58° 41.75' N. lat., and south to 58° 36.96' N. lat.**

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

Beginning Sunday, July 21, 2019, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery will start with one day of fishing time during statistical week 30. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given two days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than one day during statistical week 30, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3219.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 29 (July 14 through July 20)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 18, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	30	1,000	200	20,000	14,000	35,230	40	4
District 6	150	3,000	1,700	40,000	8,500	53,350	42	2
District 8	500	800	90	1,800	3,000	6,190	20	2
District 11	150	16,000	300	16,000	70,000	102,450	70	4
District 15	80	6,000	15	3,700	175,000	184,795	207	4
Total	910	26,800	2,305	81,500	270,500	382,015		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	25	5	500	350	881
District 6	4	71	40	952	202	1,270
District 8	25	40	5	90	150	310
District 11	2	229	4	229	1,000	1,464
District 15	0	29	0	18	845	893

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 10,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,300 Chinook and 1,200 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,600 Chinook and 80,000 chum salmon.

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