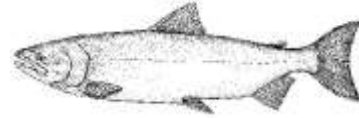

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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 28, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 1, 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 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 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 closed.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31, 2019** 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 28, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 29, 2019 in waters north of the latitude of the Katzehin River flats light at 59° 11.73' N. lat. to a regulatory marker at the terminus of the Chilkoot River.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 2019 south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59° 04.93' N. lat., with the following restriction:**

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

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 2019** 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): continues to remain open until further notice in those waters within 1.0 nautical mile (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.

To date, only 240 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 929 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management action through statistical week 33.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is currently being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive two days of fishing time during statistical week 31. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given four days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than two days during statistical week 31, 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 1S3719.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 30 (July 21 through July 27)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 25, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	50	2,000	300	30,000	23,000	55,350	40	4
District 6	40	3,000	1,100	45,000	9,000	58,140	47	2
District 11	100	27,000	1,000	12,000	65,000	105,100	90	4
District 15	42	22,000	56	10,000	163,000	195,098	145	4
Total	232	54,000	2,456	97,000	260,000	413,688		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	50	8	750	575	1,384
District 6	1	64	23	957	191	1,237
District 11	1	300	11	133	722	1,168
District 15	0	152	0	69	1,124	1,346

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 24,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 5,200 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,600 Chinook and 97,000 chum salmon.

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