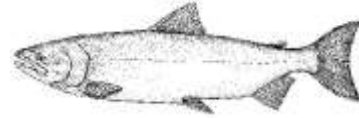

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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, August 4, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 9, 2019, in those waters south of 54° 54.50' N. lat. (located approximately one nautical mile (nmi) south of Foggy Point)**, 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, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2019**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

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, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 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 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 the mainland shore near the latitude of the southernmost tip of McDonald Island at 56° 50.67' N. lat., 132° 47.36' W. long., to the southernmost tip of McDonald Island at 56° 50.76' N. lat., 132° 49.25' W. long., to Fredrick Point at 56° 47.55' N. lat., 132° 49.27' W. long.;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River, will be closed east of a line from the western shore of Blind Slough at 56°30.73' N. lat., 132°43.60' 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 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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 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 remain open until further notice in the waters north of the latitude of the Katzehin River flats light at 59° 11.73' N. lat. to a line at the Chilkoot River terminus marked by ADF&G regulatory markers located at 59° 19.06' N. lat., 135° 33.29' W. long., and 59° 19.47' N. lat., 135° 32.59' W. long., **with the following restriction:**

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, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2019**, in waters south of the latitude of the Katzehin River flats light at 59° 11.73' N. lat., with the following restrictions:

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

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59° 04.93' N. lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2019**, in the waters south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 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 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.

Hugh Smith Lake: As of Tuesday, July 30, 2019, 657 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 1,135 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 further 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 at least three days of fishing time during statistical week 32. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given five days of fishing time.

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 1S4219.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 31 (July 28 through August 3)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 1, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	40	3,000	1,250	30,000	33,000	67,290	36	5
District 6	20	3,300	1,800	41,500	14,500	61,120	42	2
District 11	50	22,000	2,000	8,000	23,000	55,050	90	4
District 15	100	30,000	200	12,000	50,000	92,300	156	5
Total	210	58,300	5,250	91,500	120,500	275,760		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	83	35	833	917	1,869
District 6	0	79	43	988	345	1,455
District 11	1	244	22	89	256	612
District 15	1	192	1	77	321	592

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 27,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 25,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,800 Chinook and 125,000 chum salmon.

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