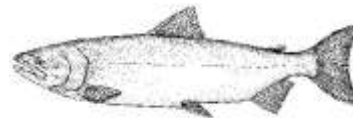

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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 11, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16**, in those waters south of 54° 54.50' N. lat. (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 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

Salmon Bay: **normal markers.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15**, 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;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River, will be closed east of a line from the western shore of Blind Slough at 56°30.71' N. lat., 132°43.48' 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 11, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 14**, with the following restrictions:

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);

Gilbert Bay: will be closed south and east of a line from Sentinel Point at 57° 59.74' N. lat., 133° 45.62' W. long., to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58° 01.45' N. lat., 133° 45.35' W. long.;

Prospect Creek: will be closed west of a line running southeast from Prospect Point at 58° 02.89' N. lat., 133° 47.80' W. long., to the southernmost tip of Fannie Island at 58° 02.60' N. lat., 133° 47.15' W. long., then running southwest to a point on the western shore at 58° 01.34' N. lat., 133° 48.46' W. long.;

Speel Arm: will be closed north of a line from a point on the western shore at the head of Speel Arm at 58° 07.09' N. lat., 133° 44.11' W. long., to a point on the eastern shore at 58° 07.59' N. lat., 133° 42.80' W. long.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in the waters south of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59° 09.05' 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 a line from **Glacier Point at 59° 06.02' N. lat., 135° 22.97' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59° 06.58' N. lat., 135° 21.70' W. long.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2019 until further notice in waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59° 09.05' 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-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2019 through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 13**, 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 all waters of the THA 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.

Hugh Smith Lake: As of Thursday, August 8, 2019, 1,188 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 1,765 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon.

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 33. 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 1S4719.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 32 (August 4 through August 10)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 8, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	20	2,000	1,500	40,000	26,000	69,520	35	5
District 6	40	2,400	1,500	64,000	9,000	76,940	54	3
District 8	90	600	400	5,700	25,000	31,790	41	3
District 11*	20	8,000	1,200	5,500	3,500	18,220	40	5
District 15	5	23,000	150	12,000	7,000	42,155	94	7
Total	175	36,000	4,750	127,200	70,500	238,625		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	57	43	1,143	743	1,986
District 6	1	44	28	1,185	167	1,425
District 8	2	15	10	139	610	775
District 11	1	200	30	138	88	456
District 15	0	245	2	128	74	448

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 48,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 38,400 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,800 Chinook and 133,000 chum salmon.

*Harvest estimate is for 3 days.

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