SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Section 1-F: will be open south and east of a line from the southernmost tip of California Head located at 55° 19.58′ N. lat., 131° 29.05′ W. long., to Spire Island Light at 55° 16.05′ N. lat., 131° 29.95′ W. long., to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point at 55° 17.12′ N. lat., 131° 37.19′ W. long., to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55° 20.88′ N. lat., 131° 51.85′ W. long., (located on the westernmost tip of an unnamed island immediately south of Grant Cove) then due west to the District 2 boundary line with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54° 55.45′ N. lat., 130° 58.65′ W. long., to Black Rock Light at 55° 01.40′ N. lat., 131° 03.55′ W. long., to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55° 07.91′ N. lat., 131° 04.85′ W. long., then due east to the mainland shore;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55° 07.74′ N. lat.;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Brunn Point at 55° 22.03′ N. lat.;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Moth Point at 55° 15.92′ N. lat., 131° 19.69′ W. long., to the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55° 14.91′ N. lat., 131° 19.04′ W. long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:
Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132° 00.35' W. long.;

Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Chasina Island at 55° 16.32' N. lat.;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light at 132° 16.18' W. long.;

Thorne Bay: will be closed west of a line from Tolstoi Point at 55° 40.22' N. lat., 132° 23.55' W. long., to the Prince of Wales Island shoreline at 55° 42.17' N. lat., 132° 27.18' W. long.;

Cleveland Peninsula: will be closed within 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline south of the latitude of Niblack Point at 55° 33.00' N. lat.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Section 3-A: will be open with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55° 03.62' N. lat., 132° 58.33' W. long., to Shoe Island Light at 54° 57.10' N. lat., 132° 44.78' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54° 43.80' N. lat., 132° 41.83' W. long.;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of 132° 35.00' W. long., and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Helen Island at 54° 59.43' N. lat.;

Hetta Inlet, Sukkwan Strait, and contiguous waters: will be closed north of the latitude of Round Point at 55° 07.63' N. lat.;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132° 31.62' W. long.;

Keete Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Nutkwa Point at 132° 34.16' W. long.;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of 54° 57.20' N. lat.;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Nutkwa Point at 55° 04.28' N. lat.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Bay Point at 55° 42.47' N. lat., 133° 29.49' W. long., to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island at 55° 39.31' N. lat., 133° 25.16' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Blanquizal Point at 55° 37.36' N. lat., 133° 23.86' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island at 55° 35.13' N. lat., 133° 18.34' W. long., to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island at 55° 34.00' N. lat., 133° 14.21' W. long., then south to a point on Madre de Dios Island at 55° 23.65' N. lat., 133° 09.67' W. long., to Point Bataan at 55° 22.90' N. lat., 133° 11.15' W. long., with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo at 55° 20.81' N. lat., 133° 21.42' W. long., to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55° 21.52' N. lat., 133° 16.20' W. long.

Section 3-C: will be open with the following restrictions:
The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Affleck Canal: will be open north of a line from Cape Decision Light at 56° 00.09’ N. lat., 134° 08.16’ W. long., to Point St. Albans at 56° 04.94’ N. lat., 133° 58.32’ W. long.

District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Section 6-D: will be open within 2.0 nmi of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 55° 57.06’ N. lat.

District 9

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:

Section 9-A: will be open north of 56° 50.29’ N. lat. (the southern entrance to Red Bluff Bay) with the following restriction:

Red Bluff Bay: will be closed west of 134° 45.47’ W. long. (normal markers).

Section 9-B: will be open south of the latitude of Washington Bay Light at 56° 43.11’ N. lat. with the following restrictions:

Rowan Bay and Bay of Pillars: will be closed east of a line from Point Ellis at 56° 33.24’ N. lat., 134° 19.12’ W. long. to Point Sullivan at 56° 40.83’ N. lat., 134° 22.16’ W. long.;

Tebenkof Bay: will be closed east and south of a line from the southernmost tip of Gap Point at 56° 28.65’ N. lat., 134° 08.28’ W. long., to the northernmost tip of Step Island at 56° 27.66’ N. lat., 134° 06.99’ W. long., to Lisa Point at 56° 26.62’ N. lat., 134° 09.06’ W. long., then due west to a point on the Kuiu Island shoreline at 56° 26.62’ N. lat., 134° 10.84’ W. long.;

Gedney Harbor: will be closed north and east of a line from Swaine Point at 56° 25.61’ N. lat., 134° 14.84’ W. long., to Point Cosmos at 56° 21.17’ N. lat., 134° 17.58’ W. long.
The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:**

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Crawfish Inlet SHA: will be open east of line from 56° 46.87' N. lat., 135° 06.66' W. long. to 56° 47.21' N. lat., 135° 07.33' W. long. with the following restrictions:

Crawfish Inlet: will be closed north of a line from 56° 47.41' N. lat., 135° 06.61' W. long. to 56° 47.36' N. lat., 135° 07.13' W. long.;

Crawfish Inlet head stream: no restrictions will be in effect for the Crawfish Inlet head stream (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 17, 2019:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point at 135° 47.93' W. long. and north of the latitude of Hayward Point at 57° 19.33' W. lat. with the following restrictions:

Fish Bay: will be closed east of 135° 37.60' W. long.;

Deep Bay: will be closed west of the longitude of Grasstop Rock at 135° 36.14’ W. long.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open south of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57° 05.50’ N. lat., 135° 34.28’ W. long. to the westernmost tip of Sasedni Island and north of a line from Inner Point at 57° 05.50’ N. lat., 135° 34.28’ W. long. to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock Light to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point at 57° 00.81’ N. lat., 135° 18.11’ W. long. with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57° 01.58’ N. lat., 135° 14.58’ W. long.;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135° 14.78’ W. long.;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O’Connell Bridge to The Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island at 57° 02.20’ N. lat., 135° 17.21’ W. long.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 16, through 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 18, 2019:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait: Lisianski Inlet will be open south of a line from Ewe Ledge at 58° 05.27’ N. lat., 136° 27.44’ W. long. to Dace Rock at 58° 05.48’ N. lat., 136° 26.17’ W. long., and Lisianski Strait will be open north of the latitude of Point Theodore at 57° 50.95’ N. lat. with the following restriction:
Lisianski Inlet: will be closed between 57° 54.54′ N. lat., and 57° 53.86′ N. lat., (near Phonograph Creek) and closed south of 57° 52.20′ N. lat.

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point at 57° 30.20′ N. lat., 136° 01.12′ W. long., to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southermost tip of Herbert Graves Island at 57° 38.40′ N. lat., 136° 10.89′ W. long., to the southermost tip of Point Hogan at 57° 41.37′ N. lat., 136° 15.82′ W. long., to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island at 57° 43.67′ N. lat., 136° 16.63′ W. long., and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Ford Arm: will be closed northeast of a line from 57° 34.74′ N. lat., 135° 57.08′ W. long., to 57° 34.39′ N. lat., 135° 56.48′ W. long.;

Sisters Lake Head and Rust Creek: will be closed east of 136° 00.20′ W. long.;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Rose Point at 57° 37.60′ N. lat.;

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136° 08.32′ W. long.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Whale Bay: will be open east of 135° 03.00′ W. long. with the following restrictions:

Great Arm: will be closed north of 56° 43.95′ N. lat;

Small Arm: will be closed north of 56° 42.42′ N. lat.

Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135° 22.76′ W. long.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls and Anita Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

Hugh Smith Lake: As of Tuesday, August 13, 1,501 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 1,835 sockeye salmon, which is 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.

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 delivery.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Sunday, August 18, 2019.

Copies of the “2019 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S5119.
Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 33
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 14, 2019

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District 5, Section 13-B, and Crawfish Inlet SHA: Confidential.
Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,300 Chinook and 332,000 chum salmon.


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