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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 25, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 25, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 29, 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, August 25, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 28, 2019**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 25, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 28, 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 nautical mile (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.,

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed west of a line from Babbler Point at 56° 29.09' N. lat., 132° 17.37' W. long., to Hour Point at 56° 27.72' N. lat., 132° 16.79' W. long., north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield at 56° 29.35' N. lat., 132° 23.23' W. long., north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56° 29.83' N. lat., 132° 29.18' W. long., to the southern end of Greys Island at 56° 30.67' N. lat., 132° 33.05' W. long., to the small island near the eastern entrance to Blind Slough at 56° 31.83' N. lat., 132° 40.17' W. long., to the nearest point of Mitkof Island at 56° 31.88' N. lat., 132° 40.66' W. long., and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56° 40.77' N. lat., 132° 39.28' W. long., to the northern end of Coney Island at 56° 41.62' N. lat., 132° 38.92' W. long., to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore at 56° 46.63' N. lat., 132° 37.09' W. long.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 26, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 28, 2019**, 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);

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point at 58° 00.66' N. lat., 133° 47.15' W. long., to Sentinel Point at 57° 59.74' N. lat., 133° 45.62' W. long.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 25, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 30, 2019**, in the waters south of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59° 09.05' N. lat., with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Letnikof Cove Light at 59° 10.42' N. lat.

Section 15-A: will be open until further notice in the 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.

Section 15-C (including the outer waters of the Boat Harbor THA): will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 26, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 30, 2019**, in the waters north of the latitude of Little Island Light at 58° 32.41' N. lat., with the following restriction:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from Lance Point at 58° 43.95' N. lat., 135° 13.98' W. long., to a point at the southern entrance of William Henry Bay at 58° 43.10' N. lat., 135° 13.83' W. long.

Boat Harbor THA: inside waters of the Boat Harbor THA west of a regulatory marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor will remain open until further notice.

As a reminder, Berner's Bay is included in Section 15-B which remains closed.

The Speel Arm Special Harvest Area in Section 11-B, in the waters north of the latitude of Bogert Point, remains open until further notice.

Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, District 11 and Section 15-C gillnet openings will be delayed until Monday, August 26.

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 two days of fishing time during statistical week 35. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given four 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 1S5619.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 34 (August 18 through August 24)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 22, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days
								Open
District 1	0	300	1,850	12,500	25,000	39,650	20	5
District 6	15	1,400	6,600	56,000	13,000	77,015	63	4
District 8	10	80	1,400	1,500	5,000	7,990	18	4
District 11	20	4,000	2,300	1,500	1,000	8,820	25	3
District 15*	0	7,000	2,000	3,000	3,500	15,500	29	7
Total	45	12,780	14,150	74,500	47,500	148,975		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	15	93	625	1,250	1,983
District 6	0	22	105	889	206	1,222
District 8	1	4	78	83	278	444
District 11	1	160	92	60	40	353
District 15*	0	241	69	103	121	534

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 63,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,900 Chinook and 175,000 chum salmon.

* Harvest estimates are for 3 days.

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