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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 **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 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 Quadra Point at 55° 05.15' N. lat., 130° 59.10' W. long., to Kah Shakes Point at 55° 04.26' N. lat., 130° 58.80' W. long.;

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 **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 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 55° 15.46' 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 **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 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° 22.86' N. lat., 133° 11.11' 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:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light at 55° 56.31' N. lat., 133° 36.96' W. long., to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 56° 00.30' N. lat., 133° 28.64' W. long.;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed east of the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 133° 28.64' W. long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2019:**

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 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 areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2019:**

Section 6-C: will be open.

Section 6-D: will be open with the following restrictions:

Prince of Wales Island shoreline: **normal markers;**

Stikine Straits: **normal markers;**

Mosman, Burnett, and McHenry inlets: will be closed north of line from the tip of Point Stanhope at 56° 00.69' N. lat., 132° 36.47' W. long., to Kelp Point at 55° 57.76' N. lat., 132° 27.06' W. long.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2019:**

Section 9-B: will be open south of the latitude of Point Ellis at 56° 33.24' N. lat., with the following restrictions:

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.;

Port Malmesbury: will be closed east of 134° 14.80' W. long.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Saturday, August 24, through 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 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 the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point at 58° 06.33' N. lat., 136° 29.86' W. long. to the westernmost tip of Column Point at 58° 07.21' N. lat., 136° 26.88' 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 southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island at 57° 38.40' N. lat., 136° 10.89' W. long., to the southernmost 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.

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. longitude;

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:

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.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2019:

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

West Crawfish Inlet: will be open east of 135° 09.00' W. long. with the following restriction:

West Crawfish head: will be closed east of 135° 07.43' W. long.

Crawfish Inlet SHA: will be open east of line from 56° 45.34' N. lat., 135° 11.05' W. long., to 56° 44.87' N. lat., 135° 11.05' 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);

All other anadromous streams: will be closed to within 200 yards of freshwater (stream channels remain closed).

Crawfish Inlet SHA: NSRAA has forecast a return of 3,448,000 chum salmon to the Crawfish Inlet THA. A portion of West Crawfish Inlet is being opened to harvest enhanced chum salmon that have built up at the head of the inlet. Department aerial and vessel surveys have shown a significant number of chum salmon holding at the head of West Crawfish Inlet. Cost recovery efforts this week made little progress in removing the buildup of chum salmon in that area. To minimize potential straying and since the quality of the salmon will decrease with time, the department is opening a small area of West Crawfish Inlet to purse seine fishing. This area should have minimal impact on wild stock salmon returning to West Crawfish Inlet as wild stock pink and chum salmon should be in the stream based on normal run timing and surveys of the area. In addition, this area is not expected to significantly impact other fisheries in West Crawfish Inlet. **It is important for seine vessels to correctly report harvest location during this opening; West Crawfish Inlet is statistical area 113-32 and Crawfish Inlet is statistical area 113-33.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, 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.

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 **Tuesday, August 27, 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 1S5719.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 34
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 22, 2019

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	1,900	4,000	285,000	14,000	304,900	30
District 2	0	2,500	3,600	315,000	20,000	341,100	22
District 3	0	900	3,300	180,000	16,000	200,200	28
District 4	0	23,500	9,300	150,000	15,800	198,600	27
District 6	0	1,800	3,100	142,000	7,000	153,900	28
District 9	0	600	2,300	69,000	11,000	82,900	10
Section 13-A	0	200	1,800	105,000	20,000	127,000	52
Total	0	31,400	27,400	1,246,000	103,800	1,408,600	197

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	63	133	9,500	467	10,163
District 2	0	114	164	14,318	909	15,505
District 3	0	32	118	6,429	571	7,150
District 4	0	870	344	5,556	585	7,356
District 6	0	64	111	5,071	250	5,496
District 9	0	60	230	6,900	1,100	8,290
Section 13-A	0	4	35	2,019	385	2,442

District 5 and Section 13-B: Confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,300 Chinook and 452,000 chum salmon.

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