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NEWS RELEASE

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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

Section 1-F: will be closed.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 1, 2019:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point at 55° 40.26’ N. lat., 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 west of 132° 10.00’ W. long., and south of a line from a point approximately 1.3 nautical miles (nmi) northeast of Hump Island at 55° 14.30’ N. lat., 132° 04.68’ W. long., to the westernmost tip of Hump Island at 55° 13.61’ N. lat., 132° 07.33’ W. long., to a point approximately 1.0 nmi west of the northernmost tip of Babe Island at 55° 13.05’ N. lat., 132° 09.60’ W. long.;

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 nmi of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline south of the latitude of Niblack Point at 55° 33.00’ N. lat.
District 3

District 3: will be closed.

District 6

District 6: will be closed.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 1, 2019:

Security Bay: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the Kuiu Island Shoreline north of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light at 56° 50.59′ N. lat., and south of the latitude of Meade Point at 56° 53.55′ N. lat.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 1, 2019:

Section 13-A: will be closed.

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

Whale Bay: will be closed.

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

West Crawfish Head: will be closed east of 135° 07.43′ W. long.;

Shamrock Bay: all waters will be open. No salmon stream restrictions will be in effect for Lake Ekaterina Outlet Stream (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

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° 07.32′ 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 salmon 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. To date, cost recovery has harvested 58,000 chum salmon, 857,000 chum salmon by seine gear and 142,000 chum salmon by troll gear. A portion of West Crawfish Inlet is being opened to harvest enhanced chum salmon that have built up at the head of the inlet. A department aerial survey showed a significant number of chum salmon holding at the head of West Crawfish Inlet. To minimize potential straying and reduce loss in quality, the department is opening a small portion of West Crawfish Inlet to purse seine fishing. This area should have a 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. 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.

Directed pink salmon fisheries will be closed for the remainder of the 2019 season. The most recent harvest estimate is for a purse seine harvest of 18.3 million pink salmon. The department will continue to monitor fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum salmon fishing opportunities.

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, September 3, 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 1S6119.
Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 35  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 30, 2019

### NUMBERS OF SALMON

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### FISH PER BOAT

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District 3 and Section 13-B: Confidential.  
Section 13-A: insufficient harvest information.  
Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook and 558,000 chum salmon.