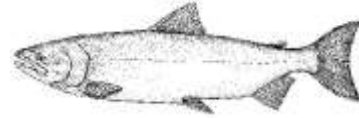

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

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, September 8, 2019.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 12, 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, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 10, 2019**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56° 13.93' N. lat., 132° 52.35' W. long., to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56° 13.22' N. lat., 132° 51.84' W. long., to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56° 10.68' N. lat., 132° 44.36' W. long., to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56° 10.27' N. lat., 132° 43.57' W. long., to a point on Etolin Island at 56° 09.60' N. lat., 132° 42.70' W. long., to the tip of Point Stanhope at 56° 00.69' N. lat., 132° 36.47' W. long., and south of a line from the tip of Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55° 59.05' N. lat., 132° 44.08' W. long.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 10, 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., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Speel Arm Special Harvest Area: **will close at 12:00 noon, Friday, September 13, 2019.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 11, 2019**, with the following restriction:

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 in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak inlets north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59° 09.05' N. lat. from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Friday, September 13, 2019**, with the following restriction:

Lutak Inlet: **will be closed north of a line from a point on the west side of Lutak Inlet at 59° 18.05' N. lat., 135° 31.33' W. long., to a point on the east shore at 59° 18.73' N. lat., 135° 30.16' W. long. (the White Rock line).**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 8, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 11, 2019**, 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.

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 other fish from an opening are delivered.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6419.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 36 (September 1 through September 7)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 5, 2019

NUMBER OF SALMON

| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Days | |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| | | | | | | | Boats | Open |
| District 1 | 0 | 150 | 2,700 | 100 | 4,400 | 7,350 | 24 | 4 |
| District 6 | 100 | 60 | 6,000 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 15,160 | 64 | 3 |
| District 8 | 0 | 10 | 500 | 100 | 150 | 760 | 9 | 3 |
| District 11 | 0 | 50 | 1,600 | 0 | 100 | 1,750 | 20 | 3 |
| District 15 | 0 | 1,000 | 7,000 | 500 | 10,000 | 18,500 | 63 | 4 |
| Total | 100 | 1,270 | 17,800 | 4,700 | 19,650 | 43,520 | | |

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| District 1 | 0 | 6 | 113 | 4 | 183 | 306 |
| District 6 | 2 | 1 | 94 | 63 | 78 | 237 |
| District 8 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 11 | 17 | 84 |
| District 11 | 0 | 3 | 80 | 0 | 5 | 88 |
| District 15 | 0 | 16 | 111 | 8 | 159 | 294 |

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 81,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 4,000 Chinook and 354,000 chum salmon.

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