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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 2

District 2: **will be closed.**

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2019:**

Security Bay: will be open within 1.0 nautical mile (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 areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2019:**

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

West Crawfish Inlet: will be open north and east of a line from 56° 49.10' N. lat., 135° 10.00' W. long. to 56° 49.54' N. lat., 135° 10.53' W. long. with the following restriction:

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: no restrictions will be in effect for the West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay salmon streams (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

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 salmon streams: no restrictions will be in effect for the Crawfish Inlet salmon streams (all freshwaters and 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, 1,465,000 chum salmon by seine gear and 200,000 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. An aerial survey showed a 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.**

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 **Friday, September 13, 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 1S6619.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 37
Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 9, 2019

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2	0	20	1,000	10,000	1,900	12,920	13
W. Crawfish/Crawfish Inlet SHA	0	0	60	10	135,000	135,070	90
Total	0	20	1,060	10,010	136,900	147,990	103

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	2	77	769	146	994
W. Crawfish/Crawfish Inlet SHA	0	0	1	0	1,500	1,501

District 9: confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook and 732,000 chum salmon.

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