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## Advisory Announcement

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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

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 21, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2020:

**District 2:** will be open north of 54°47.08' N lat (located approximately 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) south of McLean Point Light), south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N lat, and west of a line from approximately 2.0 nmi east of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N lat, 131°55.32' W long to approximately 2.2 nmi east and 0.5 nmi south of McLean Point Light at 54°47.08' N lat, 131°53.96' W long with the following restriction:

**Moira Sound:** all waters will be closed.

#### District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020:

**Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area (THA):** will be open.

#### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020:

**Section 12-A:** will be open in the following areas:

**Point Augusta:** will be open within 0.5 nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44' N lat, 134°57.50' W long to a point at 58°03.00' N lat, 134°57.85' W long, south of 58°03.00' N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

**Hidden Falls THA:** will be open within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°49.94' W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°45.37' W long with the following restriction:

**Kasnyku Bay:** will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N lat, 134°50.53' W long to the northernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.68' N lat, 134°50.48' W long to the southernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.56' N lat, 134°50.51' W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N lat, 134°50.98' W long.

**Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions:** All Chinook salmon harvested in the Carroll Inlet, Neets Bay, Anita Bay, and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), 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. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 25, 2020.

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.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA should be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

The Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs are new common property fisheries. For descriptions of the THAs, expected returns, and fishing schedules, refer to the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs Advisory Announcement released on April 15, 2020.

The 2020 forecasted run of summer chum salmon to the Hidden Falls THA is 364,000 fish. NSRAA needs 200,000 chum salmon for broodstock leaving 164,000 fish available for common property harvest. NSRAA is not planning any direct cost-recovery harvest at Hidden Falls. Additionally, there will be no tax assessment in the Hidden Falls THA. The first purse seine opening is scheduled for June 21, 2020 and will likely be followed by a midweek opening on June 25, 2020. Subsequent openings will depend on inseason run strength. Openings at the Hidden Falls THA will be restricted to within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline to conserve weak Chinook and pink salmon runs destined for systems further inland.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020.**

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S0920.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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