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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be closed.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 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 southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56°00.69′ N lat, 132°36.47′ W long and south of a line from 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 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, with the following restrictions:

<u>Frederick Sound</u>: 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: 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 closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, with the following restriction:

Chilkat, Chilkoot, and Lutak inlets: will be closed north of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93′ N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 22, 2020, with the following restriction:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93′ N lat.

Section 15-B (Berners Bay) remains closed.

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.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6120.

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/.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 38 (September 13 through September 19) Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 17, 2020

	NUMBER OF SALMON							
								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	4,000	20	4
District 6	5	0	2,100	0	3,100	5,205	38	3
District 8	0	0	1,600	0	150	1,750	18	3
District 11	0	0	1,000	0	50	1,050	20	1
District 15	0	10	3,200	0	600	3,810	31	2
Total	5	10	9,900	0	5,900	15,815		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	0	100	0	100	200
District 6	0	0	55	0	82	137
District 8	0	0	89	0	8	97
District 11	0	0	50	0	3	53
District 15	0	0	103	0	19	123

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 73,000 chum and 300 coho salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,100 coho salmon.

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