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## Advisory Announcement

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## YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

East Alsek River: will open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Akwe River: will open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Dangerous River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including upstream Johnson Slough marker): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the eastern bank of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°33.25′ W long to a buoyed regulation marker located at 59°26.33′ N lat, 139°34.15′ W long, to a regulation marker located at 59°25.66′ N lat, 139°34.43′ W long on Sunny Point.

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery is open to the selling of Chinook salmon and retention for personal use.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Yakataga District: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 15, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Kaliakh River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 15, through 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 16, 2021, and 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 17, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021, and 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, through 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Tsiu River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 15, through 9:00 a.m., Monday August 16, 2021, and 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 17, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Seal River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 15, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021, with the following restriction:

<u>Seal River</u>: waters of the Seal River will be closed upstream of the confluence of the East Fork Tributary of the Seal River (located downstream of Vitus Lake).

Dual Permits: Current inseason escapement for coho salmon to the Situk River and surrounding area is below the escapement threshold that would allow for the use of dual permits in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape.

Fishermen, tenders, 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.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/</a>.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y1921.

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