



## Advisory Announcement

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 29, 2023**, 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, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

**Section 8-A:** will be closed south and east of a line from a point on the mainland shoreline south of Brown Cove at 56°52.96' N lat, 132°48.60' W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long and west of a line from Sukoi Island Light to a point on the District 10 boundary 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline at 56°57.27' N lat, 132°58.96' W long;

**Section 8-B:** will be closed east of the longitude of Craig Point Light at 132°42.95' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

**Taku Inlet:** will be closed north of 58°14.70' N lat (approximately 0.5 nmi north of Cooper Point);

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.04' N lat, 133°59.60' W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.75' N lat, 133°59.40' W long (outside markers);

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57°58.42' N lat, 133°53.93' W long to Point Anmer at 57°56.09' N lat, 133°51.01' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long and west of a line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2.0 nmi from the eastern shoreline at 58°51.00' N lat, 135°12.79' W long (the latitude of Sherman Rock);

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°01.13' W long and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°02.83' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 25, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 27, 2023**, in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N lat and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96' N lat, with the following restrictions:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93' N lat;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: the Boat Harbor THA **will remain open until further notice** in the waters of Boat Harbor west of 135°09.57' W long, with no restrictions.

As a reminder, District 6 sections were revised during the 2022 Southeast Alaska Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries meeting. Section 6-D has been amended to only include the area east of Section 6-C commonly referred to as the "Screen Islands" area. The remainder of former Section 6-D, in Stikine Strait and south of a line drawn between Point Stanhope and Luck Point to the southern district boundary, has been designated as a new section, Section 6-E. Section 6-E is a purse seine only area. A map of this area can be viewed online at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#maps>.

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. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches in length and those of Alaska hatchery origin will not be counted against Southeast Alaska's all gear harvest limit of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are requested to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will allow for better accounting of harvests and assist in sampling the harvests to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S1623.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
 Statistical Week 25 (June 18 through June 24)  
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 22, 2023

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NUMBER OF SALMON

| District    | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum   | Total  | Boats | Days |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|------|
|             |         |         |      |      |        |        |       | Open |
| District 1  | 200     | 1,700   | 100  | 700  | 19,000 | 21,700 | 17    | 4    |
| District 6  | 100     | 1,500   | 50   | 200  | 2,500  | 4,350  | 26    | 3    |
| District 11 | 100     | 700     | 0    | 10   | 500    | 1,310  | 20    | 2    |
| District 15 | 75      | 1,100   | 2    | 21   | 46,000 | 47,198 | 80    | 2    |
| Total       | 475     | 5,000   | 152  | 931  | 68,000 | 74,558 |       |      |

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

| District    | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum  | Total |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|
| District 1  | 12      | 100     | 6    | 41   | 1,118 | 1,276 |
| District 6  | 4       | 58      | 2    | 8    | 96    | 167   |
| District 11 | 5       | 35      | 0    | 1    | 25    | 66    |
| District 15 | 1       | 14      | 0    | 0    | 575   | 590   |

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Nakat Inlet THA: no harvest.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,500 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 1,100 Chinook and 30 chum salmon.

Anita Bay and Deep Inlet THAs: confidential.

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