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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #09
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During the February 2023 Board of Fisheries meeting, management action #1 was agreed upon which would reduce the second, third, and fourth fishing periods by 50% within the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District in order to achieve the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal. To date, the lower bound of the sockeye salmon escapement goal is not being achieved and in turn need to reduce the commercial fishing period within the Shumagin Islands Section for seine gear. If the lower bound of the Chignik early run sockeye salmon escapement goal is projected to be met, restrictions in the Shumagin Islands Section will be lifted.

Commercial salmon fishing by seine gear will be allowed in the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District from **8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 25 until 4:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.**

As previously announced:

The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries will open to drift gillnet and set gillnet gear during the following times and dates:

From 6:00 a.m. Sunday June 25 until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 28 in the following districts and sections:

Set gillnet and Drift gillnet:

Otter Cove and Cape Lutke Sections of the Unimak District (Sanak Island Section closed)
Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District
Southwestern District

Set gillnet only:

West and East Pavlof Bay sections of the South Central District
Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District

The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries will open to seine gear during the following times and dates:

From 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 25 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 28 in the following districts and sections:

Otter Cove and Cape Lutke Sections of the Unimak District (Sanak Island Section closed)
Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District
Southwestern District

As per 5 AAC 09.365 (e) all salmon caught **MUST BE RETAINED**, and must report the number of salmon caught, including those taken but not sold, on an ADF&G fish ticket. For the purpose of this subsection, "caught" means brought on board the vessel.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

A copy of the *South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy, 2023*, can be found at [South Alaska Peninsula salmon management strategy, 2023](#). Hard copies of the management strategy can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller.

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

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