



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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 6, 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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of **the latitude of Jaw Point at 58°16.81' N lat**;

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.

There will be no night closures or mesh size restriction in District 11.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of a line from **58°39.06' N lat (~1.5 nmi north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light)** and west of a line from **58°39.06' N lat, 135°01.13' W** long to Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°01.13' W long 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, July 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 4, 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.

Please be aware that Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day Holiday.

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 1S2323.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26 (June 25 through July 1)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 29, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	400	5,000	500	2,000	37,000	44,900	30	4
District 6	100	2,600	300	5,300	16,000	24,300	36	3
District 8	170	800	30	20	1,100	2,120	11	3
District 11	150	800	30	50	12,000	13,030	25	2
District 15	25	1,500	10	650	63,500	65,685	106	2
Total	845	10,700	870	8,020	129,600	150,035		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	13	167	17	67	1,233	1,497
District 6	3	72	8	147	444	675
District 8	15	73	3	2	100	193
District 11	6	32	1	2	480	521
District 15	0	14	0	6	599	620

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 2,000 Chinook and 100 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,900 Chinook salmon.

Nakat Inlet and Deep Inlet THA: confidential.

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