



## 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 13, 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 12, 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.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, 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);

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed south of the latitude of Battery Point Light at 59°12.62' N lat and north of the latitude of Tanani Point at 59°16.39' 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: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of a line from 58°36.96' N lat (~1.5 nmi north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light) and west of a line from 58°36.96' 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 11, 2023**, in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) within **2.0 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 1S2923.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 27 (July 2 through July 8)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 6, 2023

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NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	150	4,000	400	6,000	50,000	60,550	40	4
District 6	50	5,000	600	13,400	24,600	43,650	38	4
District 8	30	1,300	20	50	400	1,800	4	4
District 11	240	9,000	80	2,500	65,000	76,820	40	3
District 15	25	3,500	100	5,000	200,000	208,625	126	3
Total	495	22,800	1,200	26,950	340,000	391,445		

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	4	100	10	150	1,250	1,514
District 6	1	132	16	353	647	1,149
District 8	8	325	5	13	100	450
District 11	6	225	2	63	1,625	1,921
District 15	0	28	1	40	1,587	1,656

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Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,800 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 2,300 Chinook and 200 chum salmon.

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 5,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,600 Chinook and 50 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA: confidential.

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