



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 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 20, 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys at 56°20.18' N lat, 133°11.90' W long to Rookery Island Light at 56°18.86' N lat, 133°06.34' W long to the westernmost tip of Fire Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°03.59' W long to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°04.41' W long;

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

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 18, 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 19, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

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) from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 18, and will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N lat, 133°58.87' W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N lat, 133°58.87' W long (inside markers) from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 19;**

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: the **minimum** allowed mesh size is 6 inches **south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 19.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 18, 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 and Lutak Inlets: will be closed south of the latitude of Battery Point Light at 59°12.62' N lat and north of a **line from White Rock at 59°18.05' N lat, 135°31.33' W long to a point at 59°18.73' N lat, 135°30.16' 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 18, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed **north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 19, 2023**, in the outer waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) east of 135°09.57' W long 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.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360) beginning the third Sunday in July. The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive two days of fishing time during statistical week 29. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given four days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than two days during statistical week 29, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

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 1S3623.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 28 (July 9 through July 15)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 13, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	80	4,000	600	20,000	45,000	69,680	45	4
District 6	100	8,000	1,300	7,000	29,000	45,400	41	3
District 8	20	1,500	30	1,000	2,000	4,550	6	3
District 11	140	16,000	450	36,000	195,000	247,590	75	4
District 15	40	12,000	100	34,000	230,000	276,140	120	4
Total	380	41,500	2,480	98,000	501,000	643,360		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	2	89	13	444	1,000	1,548
District 6	2	195	32	171	707	1,107
District 8	3	250	5	167	333	758
District 11	2	213	6	480	2,600	3,301
District 15	0	100	1	283	1,917	2,301

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 20,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 4,000 Chinook and 400 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA: confidential.

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