



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 23, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 27, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, with the following restriction:

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.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 25, 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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 26, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 25**, 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 25, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 26**;

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 25, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 26**.

Section 11-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets: will be closed 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;

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Ayiklutu (Seduction) Point at 59°04.93' N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, with the following restriction:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023, until further notice**, in the outer waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) east of 135°09.57' W long 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 restriction:

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

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 being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive two days of fishing time during statistical week 30. 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 30, 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 1S4023.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 29 (July 16 through July 22)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 20, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	40	2,000	400	35,000	45,000	82,440	45	4
District 6	10	2,500	1,300	15,000	13,000	31,810	40	3
District 8	15	400	100	1,000	1,000	2,515	5	3
District 11	30	17,000	1,200	25,000	160,000	203,230	75	3
District 15	55	18,000	200	30,000	300,000	348,255	114	5
Total	150	39,900	3,200	106,000	519,000	668,250		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	44	9	778	1,000	1,832
District 6	0	63	33	375	325	795
District 8	3	80	20	200	200	503
District 11	0	227	16	333	2,133	2,710
District 15	0	158	2	263	2,632	3,055

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 52,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA: confidential.

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