



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 30, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 4, 2023, in those waters south of 54°54.50' N lat (approximately 1.0 nautical mile [nmi] south of Foggy Point), 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 1, 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, with the following restrictions:**

Frederick Sound: will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nmi off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.27' N lat, 132°58.96' W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long to **Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long;**

Stikine River: will be closed south and east of a line from Bear Creek at 56°42.93' N lat, 132°44.53' W long to a point 800 yards north of Japanese Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.62' N lat, 132°37.11' W long, north and east of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long to a point on Vank Island at 56°29.38' N lat, 132°37.60' W long, north and east of a line from Vank Island Light at 56°26.92' N lat, 132°36.00' W long to Point Ancon Light at 56°24.30' N lat, 132°33.32' W long, and north of a line from East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°24.20' W long to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°21.28' W long.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 2, 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);

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 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 2, 2023.**

There will be no mesh size restriction in District 11.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 2, 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 2, 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 remain open 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.

To date, 230 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 771 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement and may take management action through statistical week 33.

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 at least three days of fishing time during statistical week 31. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given five days of fishing time.

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 1S4823.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 30 (July 23 through July 29)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 27, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days
								Open
District 1	10	1,500	300	25,000	60,000	86,810	30	5
District 6	10	3,200	1,500	25,000	14,000	43,710	40	2
District 8	10	450	150	4,500	3,400	8,500	4	2
District 11	20	18,000	2,000	17,000	100,000	137,020	65	4
District 15	10	30,500	100	17,500	200,000	248,110	110	3
Total	60	53,650	4,050	89,000	377,400	524,150		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	50	10	833	2,000	2,894
District 6	0	80	38	625	350	1,093
District 8	3	113	38	1,125	850	2,125
District 11	0	277	31	262	1,538	2,108
District 15	0	277	1	159	1,818	2,256

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 125,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA: confidential.

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