



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, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 11, 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, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 11, 2023**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

Salmon Bay: will be open to normal markers.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 11, 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 **north and west of a line from Babbler Point at 56°29.08' N lat, 132°17.37' W long to Hour Point at 56°27.73' N lat, 132°16.79' W long, north and east of a line from Point Highfield at 56°29.34' N lat, 132°23.36' W long to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56°29.83' N lat, 132°29.19' W long to the southern end of Greys Island at 56°30.67' N lat, 132°33.05' W long to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to the nearest point on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long, and south and east of a line from the prominent point on Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56°40.77' N lat, 132°39.28' W long to the western end of Coney Island at 56°41.62' N lat, 132°38.92' 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.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 9, 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, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

Section 15-A: will be open **in those waters north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N lat, from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 11, 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.

Section 15-A: will be open **in those waters south of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N lat, from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 9, 2023, with the following restriction:**

Chilkat Inlet: 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, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 9, 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, 259 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 485 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 32. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given five days of fishing time.

Section 6-D is closed after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September except as provided in the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.359). This regulation opens Section 6-D to the drift gillnet fishery when the purse seine fishery is opened in that area. A separate advisory announcement will be issued in the event that 6-D is opened, and notice will likely be very short.

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 1S5523.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 31 (July 30 through August 5)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 3, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	20	2,000	1,500	25,000	60,000	88,520	40	5
District 6	0	7,800	3,500	20,000	11,000	42,300	30	3
District 8	130	950	950	27,000	30,000	59,030	50	3
District 11	20	11,000	2,000	20,000	40,000	73,020	45	4
District 15	15	40,000	50	29,000	110,000	179,065	100	5
Total	185	61,750	8,000	121,000	251,000	441,935		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	50	38	625	1,500	2,213
District 6	0	260	117	667	367	1,410
District 8	3	19	19	540	600	1,181
District 11	0	244	44	444	889	1,623
District 15	0	400	1	290	1,100	1,791

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 190,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 120,300 chum salmon.

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