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Advisory Announcement

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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

East Alsek River: will open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Akwe River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon., Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Dangerous River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38′ N lat, 139°36.55′ W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82′ N lat, 139°37.46′ W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

<u>Situk River mouth (including upstream Johnson Slough marker)</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the eastern bank of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°33.25′, to a buoyed regulation marker located at 59°26.33′ N lat, 139°34.15′ W long, to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.69′ N lat, 139°34.55′ W long on Sunny Point;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery for Chinook salmon is closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale or to the Yakutat ADF&G office for distribution to those in need in the community.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

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Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Yakataga District: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Kaliakh River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, through 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 28, 2023, and 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 29, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Tsiu River: will open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 25, 2023, and 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

Seal River: will open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 24, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2023, with the following restriction:

<u>Seal River</u>: waters of the Seal River will be closed upstream of the confluence of the East Fork Tributary of the Seal River (located downstream of Vitus Lake).

Dual Permits: The operation of dual permits is allowed in the Situk-Ahrnklin and the marine waters of Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape and in the Kaliakh River. Fishermen are reminded that prior to using two nets they must register with the Yakutat Fish and Game office and notify the Fish and Game office when no longer using two nets.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2223.

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