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Advisory Announcement:

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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #18 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-14-24

Commercial salmon fishing by **purse seine and set gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 30 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District

Southwestern District

South Central District

Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, East Stepovak, and the Shumagin Islands Sections of the Southeastern District.

A reminder that in Stepovak Bay from July 29 through September 30, waters north of a line extending east from Dent Point at 55° 47.25' N. lat., 159° 52.00' W. long. to a point on the Kupreanof Peninsula at 55° 46.93' N. lat., 159° 38.70' W. long are closed by regulation.

The Northwest Stepovak Section of the Southeastern District will remain closed until further notice.

Additionally, **Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts of Area M** during a commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Commercial salmon fishing by **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 30 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District

Ikatan Bay Section of the Southwestern District

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

A copy of the *South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy, 2024*, can be found at adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2024.05.pdf. Hard copies of the management strategy can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller.

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

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