



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 4, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2024**, 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 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed 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 Islets 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 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 8-B: 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;**

Kunk Creek: will be closed west of a line from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N lat, 132°22.98' W long to a point on the District 8 boundary line at 56°17.00' N lat, 132°22.98' W long.

Section 11-B **north of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2024.**

Section 11-B **south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 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.

There will be no mesh size restriction in Section 11-B.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2024**, 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 the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.03' N lat**.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 6, 2024**, 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, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) within 2.0 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.

To date, 1,010 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 2,200 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 continue to 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 two days of fishing time during statistical week 32. 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 32 the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

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 1S5724.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 31 (July 28 through August 3)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 1, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	10	2,000	300	10,000	32,000	44,310	25	4
District 6	15	3,400	1,500	2,200	13,200	20,315	30	2
District 8*	50	450	150	400	2,400	3,450	10	2
District 11	50	31,000	1,500	3,000	90,000	125,550	55	5
District 15	10	10,000	50	2,000	105,000	117,060	73	4
Total	135	46,850	3,500	17,600	242,600	310,685		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	80	12	400	1,280	1,772
District 6	1	113	50	73	440	677
District 8	5	45	15	40	240	345
District 11	1	564	27	55	1,636	2,283
District 15	0	137	1	27	1,438	1,604

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 270,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,500 Chinook and 34,000 chum salmon.

*District 8 does not include midweek estimates.

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