



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 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15, 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 11, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 14, 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: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16, 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.

Section 15-A: will be open **from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 15, 2024, in those waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N lat**, with the following restriction:

Lutak Inlet: 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;

Section 15-A: will be open **from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 11, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 13, 2024, in those waters south of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N lat**, with the following restriction:

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., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 14, 2024.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 16, 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.

Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, the Sections 11-B and 15-C gillnet openings will be delayed until Monday, August 12.

To date, 1,700 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 2,900 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 33. 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 33 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 1S6624.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 32 (August 4 through August 10)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 8, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	0	3,200	400	18,000	25,000	46,600	28	5
District 6	10	1,800	1,300	1,700	4,000	8,810	21	3
District 8	30	300	200	500	13,000	14,030	21	3
District 11	0	8,500	1,200	4,000	18,000	31,700	40	4
District 15	10	17,000	200	5,000	36,000	58,210	72	4
Total	50	30,800	3,300	29,200	96,000	159,350		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	114	14	643	893	1,664
District 6	0	86	62	81	190	420
District 8	1	14	10	24	619	668
District 11	0	213	30	100	450	793
District 15	0	236	3	69	500	808

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 330,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 46,000 chum salmon.

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