



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4: **will be closed.**

Harvests from this most recent opening are mostly confidential on an individual district basis. The total estimated harvest for the opening was 160,000 pink salmon from 39 boats.

Directed pink salmon common property purse seine fisheries will be closed in all districts for the remainder of the 2024 season. Common property opportunity remains in select hatchery terminal harvest areas. In addition, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will continue to monitor fall chum salmon runs to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet.

2024 Purse Seine Fishery Summary

The 2024 Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest forecast was predicted to be average with a point estimate of 19.2 million fish. Traditional common property purse seine openings directed at harvesting pink salmon began July 4 and concluded August 29. This year's traditional common property purse seine harvest estimate is 16.7 million pink salmon about 2.5 million more than the parent year harvest of 14.5 million. The majority of the pink salmon harvest was from Southern Southeast, with District 1 harvesting 5.2 million pink salmon (Table 1). The total southeast pink salmon harvest estimate, including harvest from the drift gillnet fishery and Annette Islands Reserve, is currently at 18 million fish. Pink salmon average weight was less than 3.0 pounds. Pink salmon escapement surveys are still being flown and escapements are being tabulated. Purse seine effort decreased from 2023 (210 permits) but was slightly higher than 2022 (194 permits) with 197 permits making landings.

Table 1. 2024 Southeast Alaska traditional purse seine harvest estimates (data as of 8/30/24).

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
101	50	76,100	46,200	5,242,000	625,000
102	10	35,500	14,800	1,130,000	376,000
103	620	15,500	34,200	2,861,000	87,000
104	7,200	150,500	71,300	4,176,000	291,000
105	0	570	350	74,700	3,100
106	3	1,000	600	106,100	5,800
107	5	2,000	870	113,000	22,100
SSE Total	7,888	281,170	168,320	13,702,800	1,410,000
109	190	4,400	6,500	709,000	30,500
110	1	1,600	270	17,200	12,800
112	20	6,500	1,600	115,000	79,000
113	260	116,000	6,500	2,114,000	1,218,000
NSE Total	471	128,500	14,870	2,955,200	1,340,300
SE Total	8,359	409,670	183,190	16,658,000	2,750,300

Hatchery produced chum salmon runs were expected to be average to above average in 2024. With the exception of Deep and Crawfish Inlets, hatchery produced chum salmon runs have concluded. The estimated common property purse seine THA harvest is 3.2 million chum salmon, above the 2014–2023 average harvest of 1.9 million chum salmon (Table 2).

Table 2. 2024 Southeast Alaska purse seine common property THA harvest estimates (data as of 8/30/24).

THA	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Neets Bay	170	700	60	370	224,000
Carroll Inlet	2,240	0	0	0	230
Kendrick Bay	30	4,150	1,150	20,000	476,000
Anita Bay	2,770	580	80	6,800	94,600
Southeast Cove	60	310	30	660	214,000
Thomas Bay	40	200	30	470	432,000
Hidden Falls	1,200	4,000	1,000	82,000	897,000
Deep Inlet	2,600	4,000	2,000	147,000	880,000
Total	9,110	13,940	4,350	257,300	3,217,830

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