



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska salmon drift gillnet fishery will be closed for the remainder of the 2024 season.

Section 11-B: **will be closed.**

District 11 harvest is confidential.

2024 Drift Gillnet Fishery Summary

Traditional common property drift gillnet openings began June 16 and concluded October 4, 2024. Traditional drift gillnet harvests of all species, except chum salmon, were below recent 10-year (2014–2023) averages. Drift gillnet effort decreased by nearly 50 permits from 2023 with 318 permits making landings in traditional and terminal harvest areas (THA) and was well below the recent 10-year average of 402 permits (Table 1).

Table 1. 2024 Southeast Alaska drift gillnet harvest and effort estimates (data as of 10/3/24).

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Boats
101	1,170	24,500	45,000	87,000	400,000	50
106	1,120	40,700	57,500	15,200	125,000	90
108	540	16,200	9,500	2,500	87,900	69
111	810	89,300	32,500	6,600	827,000	110
115	250	56,300	60,400	11,200	825,300	128
Total	3,890	227,000	204,900	122,500	2,264,900	318
14–23 Avg	9,520	321,000	210,800	791,000	1,625,000	402

The estimated common property drift gillnet THA harvest is 1.6 million chum salmon, well above the recent average harvest (Table 2).

Table 2. 2024 Southeast Alaska drift gillnet THA harvest estimates (data as of 10/3/24).

THA	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Nakat Inlet	230	1,000	4,800	8,400	402,000
Carroll Inlet	1,690	0	0	0	135
Neets Bay	40	0	0	0	2,200
Anita Bay	3,720	100	5,800	20	54,000
Southeast Cove	70	20	30	4	29,500
Deep Inlet	2,680	1,900	740	8,100	314,000
Speel Arm	3	11,600	150	50	65
Boat Harbor	20	7,600	60	2,400	797,000
Total	8,453	22,220	11,580	18,974	1,598,900
14–23 Avg	11,100	26,900	17,700	93,000	911,000

Except for Chinook and pink salmon, run strengths of other salmon species were generally good to excellent. Chinook salmon production remains poor and escapement goals will be achieved in 6 of 11 index systems, not be achieved in 3, and 2 are still pending. Sockeye salmon runs were generally good throughout the region. Sockeye salmon escapement goals

were achieved for the Chilkat, Chilkoot, Taku, and Stikine Rivers, but were not made for McDonald and Hugh Smith Lakes. Coho salmon escapements are still being evaluated but are generally looking good throughout the region. Wild chum salmon runs were poor to moderate in most areas. The pink salmon run was moderate with a harvest of 19.9 million fish. Escapement indices for pink salmon are still being calculated, but generally, escapement of pink salmon ranged from poor in areas in Northern Southeast Alaska to excellent in areas in Southern Southeast Alaska.

Detailed summaries of harvest and escapement for each district and THA will be given at this year's Drift Gillnet Task Force meeting on December 4 in Sitka and will be included in the *Annual management report of the 2024 Southeast Alaska commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries*.

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