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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2025:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.46' N lat, 131°18.87' W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.03' N lat, 131°25.18' W long to Point Davison Light at 54°59.64' N lat, 131°36.84' W long, then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15' N lat, 130°59.10' W long to Kah Shakes Point at 55°04.26' N lat, 130°58.80' W long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2025:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N lat with the following restrictions:

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of the longitude of 131°59.00' W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of the longitude of 131°57.80' W long;

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2025:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44' N lat, 134°57.50' W long to a point at 58°03.00' N lat, 134°57.85' W long, south of 58°03.00' N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately **2.0 nmi** of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, **134°48.00' W long** to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, **134°43.00' W long** with the following restriction:

<u>Kasnyku Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from $57^{\circ}13.18'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.89'$ W long to $57^{\circ}12.99'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.96'$ W long, and southwest of a line from $57^{\circ}12.99'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.96'$ W long to $57^{\circ}12.90'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.51'$ W long to $57^{\circ}12.65'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.51'$ W long.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2025:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Anita Bay, Southeast Cove, and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions may be in effect until at least the third week of July.

In areas under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches (large) are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained large Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, 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.

Please be aware that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices will be closed Friday, July 4, for the Independence Day Holiday.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 4, 2025.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2225.

| Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 27 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 1, 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NUMBERS OF SALMON | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats | | | | | |
| Pt. Augusta | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | |
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| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | | | | | | |
| Pt. Augusta | * | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | |

*Harvest is confidential.

The Point Augusta Index Fishery average harvest per boat of both pink salmon was below recent 10-year average (2015–2024) while chum salmon was above average.

Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,700 Chinook salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 900 Chinook and 50 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 370 Chinook and 50,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 280 Chinook and 126,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,050 Chinook and 77,000 chum salmon.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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