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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 20, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 24, 2025, 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, July 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

There will be no mesh restriction in District 6.

District 8: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 22, 2025, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical mile (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 Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' 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 east and north of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to Two Tree Island Light at 56°29.65' N lat, 132°38.06' W long to Vank Island Light at 56°26.92' N lat, 132°36.00' W long to Point Ancon Light at 56°24.30' N lat, 132°33.32' W long to Reef Point at 56°21.37' N lat, 132°33.55' W long to the northwest tip of Etolin Island at 56°20.07' N lat, 132°32.14' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

District 8: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 23, through 6:00 a.m., Thursday, July 24, 2025, 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 a point 1.3 nmi north of Bear Creek at 56°42.92' N lat, 132°44.52' 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;

<u>Section 8-B</u>: will be closed east and north of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to Two Tree Island Light at 56°29.65' N lat, 132°38.06' W long to Vank Island Light at 56°26.92' N lat, 132°36.00' W long to Point Ancon Light at 56°24.30' N lat, 132°33.32' W long to East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°24.20' W long to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point;

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;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 20, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 24, 2025, 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) from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 20,** through **12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 22,** and will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N lat, 133°58.87' W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N lat, 133°58.87' W long (inside markers) from **12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 24**;

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;

<u>Gillnet mesh restriction</u>: the **minimum** allowed mesh size is 6 inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat **from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 24**.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 20, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 22, 2025, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal, Lutak, and Chilkoot Inlets: will be closed east and north of a line beginning at a point within 2.0 nmi of the western shoreline at 58°51.00' N lat, 135°14.59' W long to Sullivan Island Light at 58°53.88' N lat, 135°18.15' W long to Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59°04.83' N lat, 135°16.76' W long to Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long;

<u>Chilkat Inlet</u>: will be closed north of a line from Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N lat, 135°22.97' W long to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.56' N lat, 135°21.85' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

There will be no night closures in Section 15-A.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m.**, **Sunday**, **July 20**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Tuesday**, **July 22**, **2025**, with the following restriction:

Lynn Canal (excluding the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area [THA]): will be closed north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96' N lat (Boat Harbor THA southern line).

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m.**, **Sunday**, **July 20**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Wednesday**, **July 23**, **2025**, in the waters of the Boat Harbor 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, with no restrictions.

There will be no night closures or mesh size restriction in Section 15-C.

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 2 days of fishing time during statistical week 30. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given 4 days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than 2 days during statistical week 30, 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.

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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 next gillnet announcement will be issued on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S3925.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 29 (July 13 through July 19) Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 17, 2025										
NUMBER OF SALMON										
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open		
District 1	50	1,200	200	28,000	41,000	70,450	36	4		
District 6	30	1,500	200	6,000	15,000	22,730	35	2		
District 8*	40	1,200	50	1,000	4,000	6,290	7	5		
District 11	150	20,000	800	22,000	215,000	257,950	70	4		
District 15	70	5,500	90	11,500	260,000	277,160	123	3		
Total	340	29,400	1,340	68,500	535,000	634,580				

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	33	6	778	1,139	1,957
District 6	1	43	6	171	429	649
District 8	6	171	7	143	571	899
District 11	2	286	11	314	3,071	3,685
District 15	1	45	1	93	2,114	2,253

*District 8 harvest is for 2 days.

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 144,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 4,100 Chinook and 4,500 chum salmon.

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