



Advisory Announcement
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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

East Alsek River: will open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 12, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Alsek River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 12, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 13, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

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

Chinook salmon retention: the department is requesting that any live Chinook salmon be released.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2026, with the following restrictions:

Lost River: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38' N lat, 139°36.55' W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82' N lat, 139°37.46' W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27' N lat, 139°32.62' W long to a regulation marker directly across the inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77' N lat, 139°33.18' W long, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77' N lat, 139°33.18' W long to a regulation marker northwest on Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52' N lat, 139°35.07' W long, and south of the regulation marker at 59°26.52' N lat, 139°35.07' W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73' N lat, 139°34.64' W long;

Chinook salmon retention: the Situk River commercial set gillnet fishery is closed to the retention of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon of any size may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed immediately and recorded on a fish ticket at the time of landing. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used. Retained Chinook can either be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale or to the Yakutat ADF&G office for distribution to those in need in the community.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from **6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026.**

Seal River: will open from **7:00 a.m., Sunday, July 12, through 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Seal River: waters of the Seal River will be closed upstream of the confluence of the East Fork tributary of the Seal River (located downstream of Vitus Lake).

The Situk River Chinook salmon run would not be expected to meet the escapement threshold of 750 fish that would allow for the use of dual permits in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape if additional harvest were to be allowed. Therefore, the use of dual permits will not be allowed until inseason escapement threshold of 750 fish is achieved. The subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries remain closed to the retention of Chinook salmon in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0826.

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