



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 2026**, 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 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys at 56°20.18' N lat, 133°11.90' W long to Rookery Island Light at 56°18.86' N lat, 133°06.34' W long to the westernmost tip of Fire Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°03.59' W long to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°04.43' W long.

There will be no mesh restriction in District 6.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical miles (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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 23, 2026**, 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 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21**, 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 23**;

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;

Gillnet mesh restriction: 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 23.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 23, 2026, in those waters south 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, south and west a line from Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long to Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long, and west of a line from Eldred Rock Light to a point on the Section 15-A boundary at 58°51.00' N lat, 135°13.26' W long, with the following restrictions:**

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

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 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 19, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 23, 2026, 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.

To date, 3,318 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 34,900 sockeye salmon, well above the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement and may close the northern portion of the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery in statistical week 31.

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

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 terminal harvest areas (THAs) separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will improve harvest accounting and assist with sampling efforts to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

The next gillnet announcement will be issued on **Thursday, July 23, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S3726.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 29 (July 12 through July 18)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 16, 2026

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	80	3,000	500	3,000	25,000	31,580	28	4
District 6	40	6,000	1,200	900	38,000	46,140	40	3
District 8*	20	400	0	0	1,000	1,420	3	4
District 11	200	14,000	400	1,100	70,000	85,700	75	5
District 15	55	6,500	60	800	125,000	132,415	130	2
Total	395	29,900	2,160	5,800	259,000	297,255		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	3	107	18	107	893	1,128
District 6	1	150	30	23	950	1,154
District 8	7	133	0	0	333	473
District 11	3	187	5	15	933	1,143
District 15	0	50	0	6	962	1,018

*District 8 harvest estimate is for 3 days.

Nakat Inlet THA: 174,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 3,000 Chinook and 1,800 chum salmon.

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