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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #13 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-11-26

Due to the results of the July 16 test fishery of an average of 23 immature salmon per set, the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District **WILL OPEN** to commercial salmon fishing by seine gear from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2026.

Commercial salmon fishing by **set gillnet and seine gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District
Southwestern District
South Central District
Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District

Commercial salmon fishing by **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District
Ikatan Bay Section of the Southwestern District

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Implementation of New Board of Fisheries Regulations—Effective July 18, 2026

The Alaska Board of Fisheries adopted several regulatory changes affecting the South Alaska Peninsula of Area M during the February 2026 Board of Fisheries meeting. Some of these regulations were not in effect during the start of the 2026 fishing season, and after review by the Lieutenant Governor's Office and completion of the public notice process, the regulations become effective July 18, 2026.

The following regulations are provided for informational purposes:

5 AAC 09.331(c) is amended to allow set gillnet in the Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts, the gillnet web may be single filament.

5AAC 09.373. Retention of king salmon taken in a commercial fishery. (a) Notwithstanding 5 AAC 09.365(e), from June 1 through October 31, all king salmon 28 inches or greater in length caught by an S01M CFEC permit holder may not be retained and must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a S01M CFEC permit holder shall retain all visibly injured or dead king salmon caught by the permit holder and record the injured or dead king salmon on an ADF&G fish ticket.

(c) For purposed of this section, "caught" means brought on board the vessel.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

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