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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 15, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2014:

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.08' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light), south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude and west of a line from approximately 2 nautical miles east of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N. latitude, 131°55.32' W. longitude to approximately 2.2 nautical miles east and one-half nautical miles south of McLean Point Light at 54°47.08' N. latitude, 131°53.96' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 15, 2014:

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

Point Augusta: will be open within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light).

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

The purpose of the spring fishery outside of Kendrick Bay is to harvest SSRAA enhanced chum salmon returning to the Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA). This year, to minimize the interception of wild stock salmon, fishing will be limited to within 2 nautical miles of the Prince of Wales shoreline. In addition, after June 22 (statistical week 26) fishing days may be reduced to prevent bycatch of wild stock salmon.

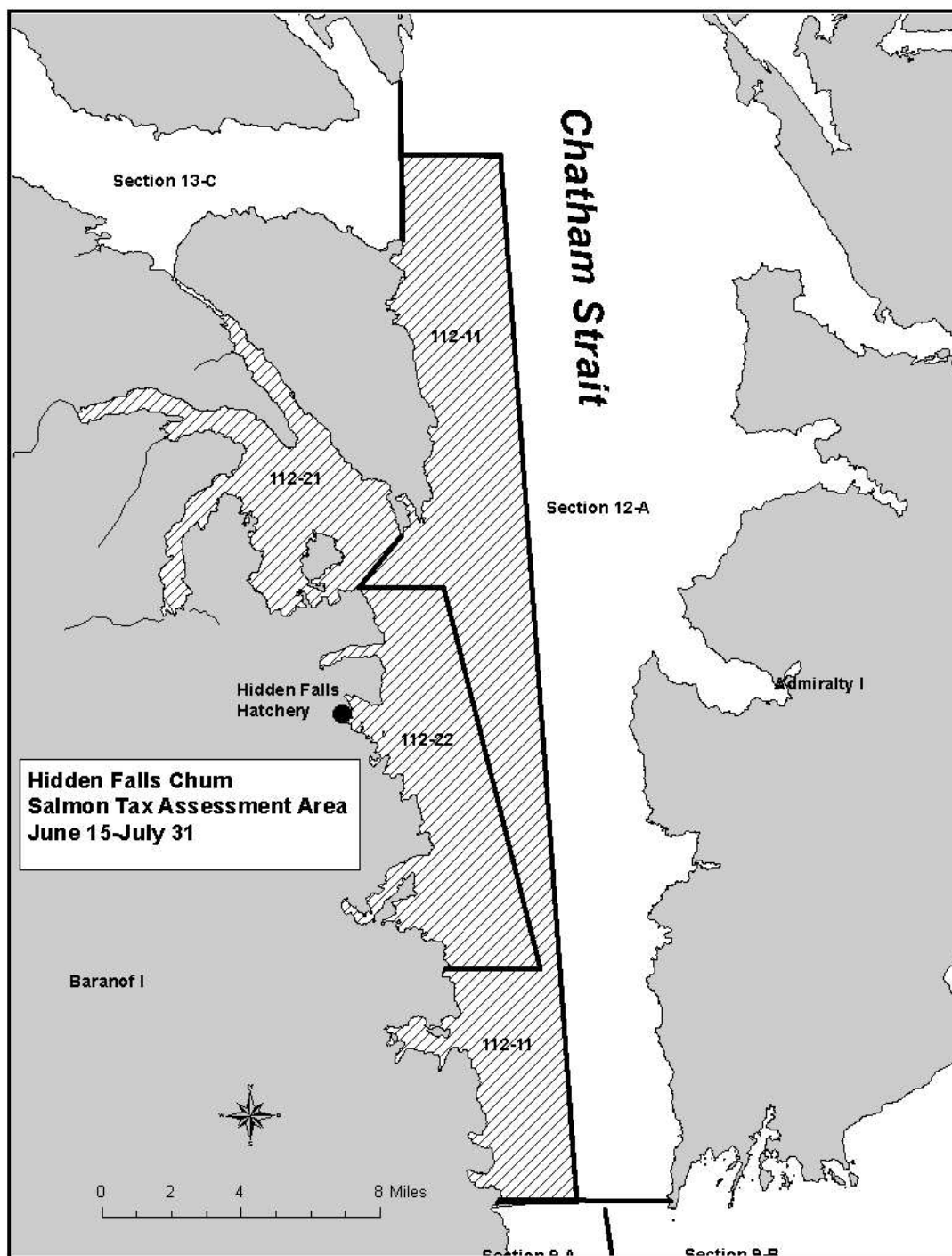
Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept and reported on a fish ticket separate from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and now includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

The 2014 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area is 1,072,000. Of this return, 180,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 892,000 available for common property harvest. NSRAA will not be conducting any direct cost recovery harvests. Instead, in order to derive the necessary revenues, the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and 5 AAC 33.374 (f). Enforcement of the tax assessment requires that all chum salmon on board a vessel be subject to the assessment even if only a portion of the chum salmon were harvested from within the Hidden Falls assessment area. A map showing the Hidden Falls chum salmon tax assessment area is included with this news release.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, June 17, 2014.**

Copies of the "2014 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this news release are 1S0914 and 1E0714.



Hidden Falls chum salmon tax assessment area defined as the waters of Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. lat., north of 57°01.00' N. lat., and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. lat. 134°45.50' W. long. to 57°01.00' N. lat., 134°41.50' W. long. (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22).

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