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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 17**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light to the westernmost tip of Fire Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed north and west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to the southernmost tip of Sukoi Island to Frederick Point;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point, north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield, north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N. latitude, 132°22.98' W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16, south of the latitude of Circle Point (from the marker at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude), gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16**, in the waters of Lynn Canal **south of the latitude of Seduction Point**, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of a line from a regulatory marker at Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N. latitude, 135°22.97' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.58' N. latitude, 135°21.70' W. longitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 16**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: Waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open until further notice within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude, south to the latitude of a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N latitude.

Fishermen and tenders are asked to keep Chinook salmon harvested in the Anita Bay THA separate from those harvested in District 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

NSRAA is considering a closure of the Deep Inlet THA to help fulfill broodstock needs for the Hidden Falls Hatchery. Currently returns at Hidden Falls Hatchery are poor but appear to be improving, and a closure of the Deep Inlet THA may not be necessary. No further announcement will be issued if the Deep Inlet THA remains open.

Chinook salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small Chinook salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report Chinook salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared Chinook salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan harvest share.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3014.

| Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------|------|
| Statistical Week 28 (July 6 through 12) | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 10, 2014 | | | | | | | | |
| NUMBER OF SALMON | | | | | | | | Days |
| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats | Open |
| Section 1-B | 200 | 6,000 | 1,500 | 50,000 | 35,000 | 92,700 | 50 | 4 |
| District 6 | 100 | 9,000 | 21,000 | 12,000 | 17,000 | 59,100 | 39 | 4 |
| District 8 | 700 | 1,700 | 1,000 | 500 | 5,000 | 8,900 | 15 | 4 |
| District 11 | 100 | 11,500 | 250 | 1,000 | 60,000 | 72,850 | 95 | 4 |
| District 15 | 160 | 17,500 | 350 | 250 | 173,000 | 191,260 | 185 | 3 |
| Deep Inlet THA | 370 | 200 | 0 | 600 | 40,500 | 41,670 | 26 | 3 |
| Total | 1,630 | 45,900 | 24,100 | 64,350 | 330,500 | 466,480 | | |
| FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD | | | | | | | | |
| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | | |
| Section 1-B | 4 | 120 | 30 | 1,000 | 700 | 1,854 | | |
| District 6 | 3 | 231 | 538 | 308 | 436 | 1,515 | | |
| District 8 | 47 | 113 | 67 | 33 | 333 | 593 | | |
| District 11 | 1 | 121 | 3 | 11 | 632 | 767 | | |
| District 15 | 1 | 95 | 2 | 1 | 935 | 1,034 | | |
| Deep Inlet THA | 14 | 8 | 0 | 23 | 1,558 | 1,603 | | |
| Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 6,000 Chinook salmon and 500 chum salmon. | | | | | | | | |
| Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 10,000 chum salmon. | | | | | | | | |
| Neets Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 3,200 Chinook salmon and 900 chum salmon. | | | | | | | | |

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