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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery:

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Monday, August 4.

East River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6.

<u>Dangerous River</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6.

Akwe River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 5.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

<u>Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Thursday August 7. Commercial set gillnet fishing will be prohibited along the north bank of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet between two Alaska Department of Fish and Game markers located approximately 500 yards above and below the confluence of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and the Lost River. Commercial set gillnet fishing will also be prohibited near the mouth of the Situk River from a marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough to a marker on Black Sand Spit back to a marker just west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station Commercial fishing for Chinook salmon is closed. Dead Chinook salmon may not be retained for individual personal use. Dead Chinook salmon with the dorsal fin removed may be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to needy in the community.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 7.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6.

<u>Manby Shore-Inside Waters</u>: will be open from 12:00 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6.

<u>Remainder of the Yakutat District</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6.

Yakataga District, including the Kaliakh River: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 3 through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 6.

Tsiu River: will remain closed until further notice.

Subsistence Fishery: From the beginning of the commercial salmon net season through the end of the commercial salmon net season the weekly subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, unless extended by emergency order. This applies to each river and bay fishery individually. Subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet will remain closed until further notice.

The emergency order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2014.

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