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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, August 3, 2014.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 8,** 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, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 7,** with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

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, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 7,** with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed 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, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6**, 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.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6, south of the terminus of the Chilkoot River**, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6**, 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.

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 1S4214.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 31 (July 27 through August 2)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 31, 2014

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	10	3,000	2,000	70,000	10,000	85,010	44	5
District 6	100	3,500	6,500	43,000	11,000	64,100	51	3
District 8	30	500	600	4,500	11,500	17,130	37	3
District 11	25	9,000	1,300	3,000	25,000	38,325	55	4
District 15	40	19,000	300	11,200	34,600	65,140	120	4
Deep Inlet THA	16	50	10	7,000	7,000	14,076	19	2
Total	221	35,050	10,710	138,700	99,100	283,781		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	0	68	45	1,591	227	1,931
District 6	2	69	127	843	216	1,257
District 8	0	13	16	122	311	462
District 11	0	164	24	54	455	697
District 15	0	158	3	93	288	542
Deep Inlet THA	0	3	0	368	368	741

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 6,900 Chinook salmon and 12,000 chum salmon.
 Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 60,000 chum salmon.

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