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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 24, 2014.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 24, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 29**, 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 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 27**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 27**, 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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 27**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point to Sentinel Point;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 27**, south of the terminus of the Chilkoot River, 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-A: will be open from **12:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 29**, in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude, to the terminus of the Chilkoot River.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 24, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 27**.

The waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area west of a department marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor will remain open until further notice.

Current sockeye escapement through the Speel Lake weir is approximately **2,750** fish, less than the minimum of the 4,000 to 13,000 fish escapement goal range. Should adequate numbers of fish pass the weir to allow for an area extension into the Speel Arm SHA, ADF&G management personnel will be prepared to announce any extension on the grounds via VHF radio. A minimum of six hours of notice will be provided for any extension to allow fishermen in the district time to travel to the area.

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 1S5614.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 34 (August 17 through 23)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 21, 2014

NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	10	3,000	3,000	140,000	5,000	151,010	33	5
District 6	30	4,000	14,000	80,000	5,000	103,030	67	4
District 8	0	200	2,000	2,500	1,000	5,700	19	4
District 11	10	14,000	2,700	1,000	800	18,510	45	3
District 15	20	14,000	2,800	9,000	1,900	27,720	75	5
Total	70	35,200	24,500	232,500	13,700	305,970		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	0	91	91	4,242	152	4,576
District 6	0	60	209	1,194	75	1,538
District 8	0	11	105	132	53	300
District 11	0	311	60	22	18	411
District 15	0	187	37	120	25	370

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 45,000 chum salmon and 500 coho salmon.
 Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 75,000 chum salmon.

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