
**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



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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 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

Section 7-A: **will be open south of the latitude of Kuakan Point (northern tip of Deer Island) at 56°05.73' N. latitude.**

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 11

Section 11-A: **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, July 12, 2015:**

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

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

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to South Passage Point Light to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point;

Kelp Bay: will be open northwest of a line from North Point at 57°17.58' N. latitude, 134°49.95' W. longitude to South Point at 57°16.30' N. latitude, 134°51.80' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Middle Arm: will be closed west of a line from 57°20.53' N. latitude, 134°56.84' W. longitude to 57°19.64' N. latitude, 134°57.09' W. longitude;

South Arm: will be closed west of a line from 57°19.56' N. latitude, 134°57.07' W. longitude to 57°18.30' N. latitude, 134°57.17' W. longitude.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Inlet: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point to the westernmost tip of Column Point with the following restrictions:

Lisianski Inlet: normal markers;

Lisianski Strait: will be closed south of 58°00.16' N. latitude.

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015:**

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point;

Section 14-C: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: **For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT 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 and may be sold.

Hidden Falls THA Update: The Hidden Falls THA has been closed to the common property purse seine fishery since June 28. Recent observations of the terminal area indicate the return of chum salmon to Kasnyku Bay remains below the 180,000 needed for broodstock.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 14, 2015.**

Copies of the "2015 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 Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2815.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 28
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 10, 2015

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	5,000	2,100	92,000	94,000	193,100	68
District 2	0	734	500	2,300	13,000	16,534	9
District 4	0	1,800	2,200	7,800	6,000	17,800	15
District 10	0	1,000	300	75,000	2,000	78,300	15
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	230	90	4,500	57,000	61,820	42
Section 13-C	0	150	170	81,000	3,000	84,320	7
Point Augusta/Whitestone	0	1,000	450	200,000	12,000	213,450	51
Tenakee Inlet	0	40	125	25,000	1,300	26,465	9
TOTALS	0	9,954	5,935	487,600	188,300	691,789	216

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	74	31	1,353	1,382	2,840
District 2	0	82	56	256	1,444	1,837
District 4	0	120	147	520	400	1,187
District 10	0	67	20	5,000	133	5,220
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	5	2	107	1,357	1,472
Section 13-C	0	21	24	11,571	429	12,046
Point Augusta	0	20	9	3,922	235	4,185
Tenakee Inlet	0	4	14	2,778	144	2,941

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 15,000 chums.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 4,800 kings and 1,700 chums.

Deep Inlet THA: 195,000 chums.

Section 13-A: confidential.

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