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# 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 2

District 2: **will be closed.**

##### District 3

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2015:**

Section 3-C: will be open west of the southernmost tip of Marble Island located at 133°26.89' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed east of the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point located at 133°28.64' W. longitude.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015:**

Section 3-A: will be open with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point located at 55°03.62' N. latitude, 132°58.33' W. longitude to Shoe Island Light to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point located at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile east of Guide Rock);

Hetta Inlet, Sukkwan Straits, and contiguous waters: will be closed north of the southernmost tip of Lime Point located at 55°03.23' N. latitude;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of Kassa Point located at 132°31.62' W. longitude;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of 55°06.00' N. latitude.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from the southernmost tip of Bay Point located at 55°42.47' N. latitude, 133°29.49' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island located at 55°39.31' N. latitude, 133°25.16' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Blanquital Point located at 55°37.36' N. latitude, 133°23.86' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Blanquital Point located at 55°37.10' N. latitude, 133°23.23' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island located at 55°35.13' N. latitude, 133°18.34' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island located at 55°34.00' N. latitude, 133°14.21' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Madre de Dios Island located at 55°23.65' N. latitude, 133°09.67' W. longitude to Point Bataan located at 55°22.90' N. latitude, 133°11.15' W. longitude, with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo located at 55°20.81' N. latitude, 133°21.42' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55°21.52' N. latitude, 133°16.20' W. longitude.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015:**

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015:**

District 5: will be open west of a line from Helm Point to the westernmost Barrier Island to Boulder Point.

#### District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015:**

Section 9-B: will be open **south of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light** with the following restrictions:

Keku Strait and Port Camden: will be closed;

Rowan Bay: will be closed east of a line from 56°39.15' N. latitude, 134°16.45' W. longitude to 56°39.48' N. latitude, 134°17.08' W. longitude;

Gedney Harbor: will be closed east of line from Swaine Point to Point Cosmos.

District 10

District 10: **will be closed.**

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 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 closed;**

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39' N. latitude and north of the latitude of Parker Point at 57°36.73' N. latitude, and within two nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Samuel (Hood Bay, Whitewater Bay, and Wilson Cove to normal markers) with the following restriction:

**Chaik Bay: will be closed east of a line from Village Point to Rocky Point.**

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2015:**

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

Salisbury Sound: **will be closed.**

Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves and east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island with the following restrictions:

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from 57°34.74' N. latitude, 135°57.08' W. longitude to 57°34.38' N. latitude, 135°56.47' W. longitude;

Sisters Lake: will be closed northeast of a line from 57°38.12' N. latitude, 136°00.36' W. longitude to 57°37.58' N. latitude, 136°00.47' W. longitude.

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 restriction:

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed south of 57°52.68' N. latitude.

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

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: **will be closed.**

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2015:**

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

Lisianski Strait: will be open north of the latitude of Point Theodore and south of 58°00.15' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Stag Bay: will be closed southeast of a line from 57°55.00' N. latitude, 136°18.28' W. longitude to 57°54.78' N. latitude, 136°18.78' W. longitude.

Portlock Harbor and Ogden Passage: will be open north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Goulding Harbor: will be closed east of 136°13.77' W. longitude;

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.31' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: will be open east of 135°16.00' W. longitude and south of 56°50.38' N. latitude.

Whale Bay: will be open east of 135°03.00' W. longitude with the following restrictions:

Great Arm: will be closed north of 56°44.02' N. latitude;

Small Arm: will be closed north of 56°42.18' N. latitude.

#### District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, through 9:00 p.m., Friday August 28, 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 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.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Saturday, August 29, 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](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S6015.

**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**  
**Statistical Week 35**  
**Preliminary Estimates compiled August 25, 2015**

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2	0	400	600	50,000	7,000	58,000	14
District 3	0	7,000	3,100	300,000	13,000	323,100	25
District 4	0	15,000	2,100	220,000	9,000	246,100	30
Section 9-B	0	3,000	2,500	225,000	4,800	235,300	18
District 12	0	2,000	3,800	407,000	11,900	424,700	28
Deep Inlet THA	0	50	380	15,000	229,000	244,430	73
Section 13-A	0	500	700	222,000	2,200	225,400	16
Section 13-B	0	0	10	12,000	7,400	19,410	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,950</b>	<b>13,190</b>	<b>1,451,000</b>	<b>284,300</b>	<b>1,776,440</b>	<b>224</b>

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	29	43	3,571	500	4,143
District 3	0	280	124	12,000	520	12,924
District 4	0	500	70	7,333	300	8,203
Section 9-B	0	167	139	12,500	267	13,072
District 12	0	71	136	14,536	425	15,168
Deep Inlet THA	0	1	5	205	3,137	3,348
Section 13-A	0	31	44	13,875	138	14,088
Section 13-B	0	0	1	600	370	971

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 236,000 chums.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 9,700 kings and 482,900 chums.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 8,800 kings and 160,000 chums.

District 5: confidential.

District 10 and Tenakee Inlet: no effort.

District 14: no report harvest.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,577,000 chums.

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