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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, September 6, 2015:

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 10,** 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, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9,** with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: **will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt to Nesbitt Reef Light to Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60′ N. latitude, 132°42.70′ W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south and 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 to 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, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9,** with the following restriction:

Port Snettisham: will be closed south and east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45′ N. latitude, 133°45.35′ W. longitude, and north of a line from a point on the western shore at the head of Speel Arm at 58°07.09′ N. latitude, 133°44.11′ W. longitude to a point on the eastern shore at 58°07.59′ N. latitude, 133°42.80′ W. longitude.

Section 11-B (Speel Arm): will be open until further notice in those waters north of a line from Sharp Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45′ N. latitude, 133°45.35′ W. longitude, and south of a line from a point on the western shore at the head of Speel Arm at 58°07.09′ N. latitude, 133°44.11′ W. longitude to a point on the eastern shore at 58°07.59′ N. latitude, 133°42.80′ W. longitude.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9,** with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.03′ N. latitude;

Lutak Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Tanini Point at 59°16.39′ N. latitude, 135°26.46′ W. longitude to Taiya Point at 59°17.27′ N. latitude, 135°24.12′ W. longitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 6, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 9.**

Processors and fishermen are reminded that all salmon, steelhead, and other finfish captured and retained must be reported on fish tickets. This includes fish retained by commercial fishermen for their own use.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaska allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are asked to keep king salmon harvested in Terminal Hatchery Areas separate from those harvested in District 6 and 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. ADF&G samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaska share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6515.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 36 (August 30 through September 5)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 3, 2015

	NUMBER OF SALMON							
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
Section 1-B	0	500	4,000	3,000	40,000	47,500	40	4
District 6	0	800	3,000	1,500	3,500	8,800	40	2
District 8	10	250	1,300	100	500	2,160	20	2
District 11*	0	1,500	2,200	100	200	4,000	22	4
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	200	150	75,000	75,350	80	2
District 15	1	3,300	3,100	2,700	8,000	17,101	35	3
Total	11	6,350	13,800	7,550	127,200	154,911		

	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	0	13	100	75	1,000	1,188
District 6	0	20	75	38	88	220
District 8	1	13	65	5	25	108
District 11*	0	68	100	5	9	182
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	3	2	938	942
District 15	0	94	89	77	229	489

Nakat Inlet THA: 250,000 chum salmon harvested.
Anita Bay THA: 161,000 chum, 9,000 king, and 450 coho salmon harvested.
*District 11 harvest estimates are for three days and include approximately 1,250 sockeye harvested in Port Snettisham.

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