## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM, PURSE SEINE TASK FORCE, AND DRIFT GILLNET TASK FORCE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information about the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine and Drift Gillnet Task Force meetings and the Southeast Regional Planning Team meeting.

The department holds annual meetings each year between fishery managers, researchers, aquaculture organizations, fishermen, gear group organizations, processing company representatives, and interested organizations to review the previous salmon season, to discuss topics of importance for management of the fisheries, and to plan for the following season. Task force meetings have rotated between communities to provide increased access and participation. At the request of participants, task force meetings will be held in conjunction with the Southeast Regional Planning Team (RPT) fall meeting. This year both task force meetings, an enhanced salmon allocation meeting, and the RPT meeting, will be held in Sitka at the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association conference room located at 1308 Sawmill Creek Road.

Purse Seine Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Drift Gillnet Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Enhanced salmon allocation meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Southeast Alaska RPT meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For questions regarding the RPT meetings, please contact Flip Pryor, RPT Chair, at (907) 465-4222.

Agendas for the seine and gillnet meetings will be developed in cooperation between the department and the Southeast Alaska Seiners Association, the United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association, the Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance, and the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association. Individuals with suggested topics for discussion should contact these organizations or the department. In order to finalize the agenda, please submit suggested topics by November 9.

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