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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery:

Alsek River: will remain open until further notice.

East River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7

<u>Dangerous River</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

Akwe River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

<u>Lost River</u>: will remain closed until further notice.

<u>Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Friday, October 9 with the following restrictions:

North Bank of Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: commercial set gillnet fishing will be prohibited along the north bank of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet between two ADF&G regulation markers located 500 yards above and 500 yards below the confluence of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and the Lost River;

Mouth of Situk River: commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Situk River west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.62′ N. latitude, 139°33.16′ W. longitude, to a visible regulation buoy in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet just west of the mouth of the Situk River, to a visible ADF&G regulation marker at the Yakutat Seafoods buying station;

The Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet remains closed to the retention of Chinook salmon.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

<u>Old and Middle Italio Rivers</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

<u>Remainder of the Yakutat District</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4 through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7.

<u>Yakataga District, including the Kaliakh River</u>: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 4 through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 7.

Tsiu River: will remain open until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2815.

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