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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

The following area **will continue** to be open to purse seining through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, 2016:

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.08' N. latitude (located approximately 1.5 nautical miles south of McLean Point Light), south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude and west of a line from approximately 2 nautical miles east of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N. latitude, 131°55.32 W. longitude to approximately 2.2 nautical miles east and 1.5 nautical miles south of McLean Point Light at 54°47.08' N. latitude, 131°53.96 W. longitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016:

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

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28′ N. latitude, 134°51.78′ W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28′ N. latitude, 134°48.00′ W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76′ N. latitude, 134°43.00′ W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76′ N. latitude, 134°47.50′ W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36′ N. latitude, 134°50.53′ W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48′ N. latitude, 134°50.98′ W. longitude.

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 2016 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area is 1,433,000. Of this return, 190,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,243,000 available for common property harvest. NSRAA will not be conducting any direct cost recovery harvests. Instead, in order to derive the necessary revenues, the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess 10 cents per pound of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00′ N. latitude, north of 57°01.00′ N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00′ N. latitude, 134°45.50′ W. longitude to 57°01.00′ N. latitude, 134°41.50′ W. longitude (Subdistricts 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and 5 AAC 33.374 (f). Enforcement of the tax assessment requires that all chum salmon on board a vessel be subject to the assessment even if only a portion of the chum salmon were harvested from within the Hidden Falls assessment area.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA, which includes Kendrick Bay and Mclean Arm, must be reported on a **separate** fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, June 24, 2016**.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 21, 2016

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	300	150	900	800	40,000	42,150	50
Hidden Falls THA	80	0	0	0	2,100	2,180	12
Deep Inlet THA	65	170	10	0	7,800	8,045	12
Total	**445**	**320**	**910**	**800**	**49,900**	**52,375**	**74**

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	6	3	18	16	800	843
Hidden Falls THA	7	0	0	0	175	182
Deep Inlet THA	5	14	1	0	650	670

Anita Bay THA: no reported harvest.
Kendrick Bay THA: confidential.
Point Augusta: no reported effort or harvest.

* District 2 harvest is for the first two days of fishing only.

Copies of the "2016 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.

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