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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 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016:

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016:

District 4: will be open.

District 12

Point Augusta: will be closed.

<u>King Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: For Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area (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.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 8, 2016.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S4016.

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.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 28 Preliminary Estimates compiled July 5, 2016										
	NUMBERS OF SALMON									
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats			
District 1	200	900	950	85,000	23,000	110,050	40			
District 2*	300	800	4,200	30,000	62,000	97,300	52			
District 4	600	11,500	4,000	55,000	45,000	116,100	15			
Point Augusta**	5	660	100	5,200	4,100	10,065	8			
Deep Inlet THA	60	100	0	0	33,000	33,160	20			
		FISH PER BOAT								
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total				

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District 1	5	23	24	2,125	2,751	2,751	
District 2*	6	15	81	577	1,192	1,871	
District 4	40	767	267	3,667	3,000	7,740	
Point Augusta**	1	83	13	650	513	1,258	
Deep Inlet THA	3	5	0	0	1,650	1,658	

* District 2 harvest is for Sunday only.

**In the Point Augusta Index Fishery, the pink salmon harvest was 26 % of the recent even-year average and the chum salmon harvest was 55% of the ten-year average.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 2,000 king and 120,000 chum salmon.

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 18,000 chum salmon.

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