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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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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:

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 14**, 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, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 14** with the following restrictions:

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;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light to the westernmost tip of Fire Island to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 14**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south and west of a line from the District 10 boundary 1 nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Frederick Point;

Stikine River: waters of the Stikine River will be closed north and east of a line from Indian Point to Point Rothsay;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N. latitude, 132°22.98' W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 12,** with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 12, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93' N. latitude.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 10, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 12, in those waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N. latitude,** with the following restriction:

Yankee Cove: will be closed north and east of a line from the end of the breakwater at 58°35.28' N. latitude, 134°54.22' W. longitude to a point on the shore at 58°35.19' N. latitude, 134°54.01' W. longitude.

Section 15-C Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will **remain** open until further notice in those waters within 1 nautical mile of the western shoreline Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and north of the latitude of a point located at approximately 2.1 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

**There will be no mesh restriction in place in District 15 during statistical week 29.**

Chinook salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook 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 Chinook salmon harvested in THAs 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. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared Chinook salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaska share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4116.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 28 (July 3 through 9)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 7, 2016

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NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	200	3,000	3,000	40,000	50,000	96,200	50	4
District 6	300	15,000	7,000	12,000	11,000	45,300	52	3
District 8*	600	11,000	700	800	5,500	18,600	47	3
District 11	150	4,600	500	1,000	35,000	41,250	55	3
District 15	50	5,000	200	400	190,000	195,650	160	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>38,600</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>291,500</b>	<b>397,000</b>		

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	4	60	60	800	1,000	1,924
District 6	6	288	135	231	212	871
District 8*	13	234	15	17	117	396
District 11	3	84	9	18	636	750
District 15	0	31	1	3	1,188	1,223

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\*District 8 mid-week opening harvest not included.

Nakat Inlet THA: 30,000 chum salmon to date.

Anita Bay THA: 1,400 Chinook and 1,100 chum salmon to date.

Deep Inlet THA: 1,900 Chinook and 80,000 chum salmon to date.

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