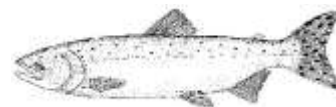

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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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 **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from of the westernmost tip of Carroll Point at 55°18.02' N. latitude, to Spire Island Light to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N. latitude (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

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

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of 55°07.74' N. latitude (the southernmost tip of Dall Head);

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude, 131°19.04' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island and then due north to Revillagigedo Island.

District 2

District 2: **will be closed.**

District 3

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016:**

Section 3-A: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Round Point at 55°07.63' N. latitude with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point located at 55°03.62' N. latitude, 132°58.33' W. longitude to Shoe Island Light to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point located at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Keete Inlet: will be closed **east of Keete Point located at 132°33.37' W. longitude**;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed north of 54°57.20' N. latitude (the southernmost entrance to Max Cove);

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of Kassa Point located at 132°31.62' W. longitude;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of the regulatory closure at 55°06.00' N. latitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016**:

District 4: will be open.

District 6

Section 6-D: **will be closed**.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2016**:

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Goulding Harbor: will be closed east of 136°14.56' W. longitude;

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.27' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to **the westernmost tip of Sasedni Island** with the following restrictions:

Starrigavan Bay and Mosquito Cove: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.78' N. latitude, 135°22.55' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Nakwasina Sound: will be closed northeast of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°10.58' N. latitude, 135°24.81' W. longitude to the easternmost tip of Crosswise Island to the northernmost tip of Beehive Island then due west to the Halleck Island shoreline.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: 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.

Deep Inlet THA: The Deep Inlet THA closed to all common property commercial salmon fisheries on Saturday, August 6, 2016, to facilitate collection of cost recovery chum salmon. NSRAA's cost recovery goal is approximately 1,799,000 pounds of chum salmon, and 100,000 pounds has been harvested to date. Once cost recovery harvest is complete a News Release will be issued reopening the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial harvest.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, August 19, 2016.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S7116.

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 34
Preliminary Estimates compiled August 16, 2016

NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	50	4,000	3,000	190,000	9,000	206,050	60
District 2	15	2,000	1,600	55,000	3,000	61,615	20
District 3	15	400	1,000	58,000	900	60,315	20
District 4	300	6,200	2,000	80,000	3,600	92,100	40
District 6	10	900	900	25,000	800	27,610	10
Section 13-A	0	70	560	92,000	3,100	95,730	22
Section 13-B	0	40	320	23,000	28,000	51,360	23
TOTALS	390	13,610	9,380	523,000	48,400	594,780	195

FISH PER BOAT						
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	67	50	3,167	150	3,434
District 2	1	100	80	2,750	150	3,081
District 3	1	20	50	2,900	45	3,016
District 4	8	155	50	2,000	90	2,303
District 6	1	90	90	2,500	80	2,761
Section 13-A	0	3	25	4,182	141	4,351
Section 13-B	0	2	14	1,000	1,217	2,233

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