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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, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 22**, 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, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 21**, with the following restriction:

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.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 21**, 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 west of a line from Babler Point to Hour Point, north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield, north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance to Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 22**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point at 58°00.66' N. latitude, 133°47.15' W. longitude to Sentinel Point at 57°59.74' N. latitude, 133°45.62' W. longitude;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 20**, with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N. latitude, 135°22.97' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.58' N. latitude, 135°21.70' W. longitude;

Lutak Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Tanani Point at 59°16.39' N. latitude, 135°26.46' W. longitude to Taiya Point at 59°17.27' N. latitude, 135°24.12' W. longitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 18, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 20**, 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.

The Speel Arm Special Harvest Area (SHA) will be closed for the season.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S8316.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 38 (September 11 through 17)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 15, 2016

NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	10	200	8,000	100	20,000	28,310	45	4
District 6	20	60	20,000	200	4,500	24,780	65	2
District 8	10	10	3,300	0	200	3,520	18	2
District 11	0	100	3,200	0	100	3,400	25	4
District 15	0	100	12,000	0	10,000	22,100	58	4
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	0	0	23,000	23,000	30	2
Total	40	470	46,500	300	57,800	105,110		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	4	178	2	444	629
District 6	0	1	308	3	69	381
District 8	1	1	183	0	11	196
District 11	0	4	128	0	4	136
District 15	0	2	207	0	172	381
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	0	0	767	767

Anita Bay THA: 2,200 coho salmon to date.

Speel Arm SHA: 66,000 sockeye salmon to date.

New releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>

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