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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., Sunday, July 2, 2017:

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., Sunday, July 2, 2017:

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.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 3, 2017:

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.08' N. latitude (located approximately 0.5 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 0.5 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 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2017:**

District 10: **will be open** with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within 3.0 nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2017:**

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

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located 1 nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light).

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to **a point at 57°46.34' N. latitude, 134°56.07' W. longitude (the location of the old South Passage Point Light)** to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2017:**

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors operating in the Ketchikan area are asked to unload all purse seine vessels after fishing on Sunday, prior to continuing fishing in District 2 on Monday. Catch information from the Sunday, July 2 fishery is crucial to evaluating the 15 hour fishery. 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).

Note: The South Passage Point Light, marking a reef at the southern entrance to Tenakee Inlet, was reported destroyed in March 2017. The USCG has placed a temporary buoy to the east of the original position to mark the shoal. The fishery area boundary remains the same as previous years with the location of the old South Passage Point Light defined by the latitude and longitude above.

Fishermen are advised that the potential July 6 Amalga Harbor SHA common property fishery, is contingent on DIPAC achieving cost recovery goals. It is requested that boats do not anchor in the

Amalga Harbor SHA prior to 6:00 pm, Wednesday July 5. Anchoring in the active cost recovery area could prevent DIPAC from achieving its goals. If the goals are not achieved, an announced fishery could be canceled on short notice.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT 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 next seine announcement will be issued on **Monday, July 3, 2017.**

Copies of the “2017 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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S1917.

**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Mid-Week 26
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 30, 2017**

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	0	1,500	3,500	4,000	170,000	179,000	95
Point Augusta**	0	300	200	30,100	10,600	41,200	16
Tenakee Inlet	0	250	75	7,800	12,300	20,425	10
Total	0	2,050	3,775	41,900	192,900	240,625	121

FISH PER BOAT

Area	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	0	16	37	42	1,789	1,884
Point Augusta**	0	19	13	1,881	663	2,575
Tenakee Inlet	0	25	8	780	1,230	2,043

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 20,000 chum salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 2,200 king and 5,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,600 king and 1,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA and District 13 harvest: information unavailable.

* District 2 harvest numbers were for 4 days.

**In the Point Augusta Index fishery, pink salmon harvests were 138% of the recent odd year average, and chum salmon harvests were 199% of the ten-year average.

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