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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, beginning on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 3, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 7**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of Akeku Point at 54°50.03' N. latitude at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 5**, 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 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 5**, with the following restrictions:

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

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed west of a line from Babbler 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 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 5**, with the following restrictions:

Limestone Inlet: will be closed;

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.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 6**, in all waters of Lynn Canal, 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 a point on the west side of Lutak Inlet at 59°18.05' N. latitude, 135°31.33' W. longitude to a point on the east shore at 59°18.73' N. latitude, 135°30.16' W. longitude (the White Rock line).

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 5**, in all waters of Lynn Canal.

Section 15-C Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): the inside waters of the Boat Harbor THA west of the regulatory markers at the entrance to Boat Harbor will **close with the remainder of Section 15-C at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 5**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6417.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 35 (August 27 through September 2)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 31, 2017

NUMBER OF SALMON								
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	5	1,400	3,500	20,000	6,500	31,405	27	4
District 6	20	1,000	6,000	24,000	13,000	44,020	63	2
District 8	0	100	1,500	400	500	2,500	18	2
District 11	10	5,500	3,000	1,000	1,000	10,510	40	3
District 15	2	4,000	1,700	13,000	8,000	26,702	45	3
Total	37	12,000	15,700	58,400	29,000	115,137		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	52	130	741	241	1,163
District 6	0	16	95	381	206	699
District 8	0	6	83	22	28	139
District 11	0	138	75	25	25	263
District 15	0	89	38	289	178	593

Nakat Inlet THA: 110,000 chum salmon to date.

Anita Bay THA: 200 coho salmon to date.

Deep Inlet THA: 1,470 king and 211,000 chum salmon to date.

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