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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 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2018:**

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 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 2018:**

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);

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open **within approximately 1 nautical mile of the Baranof Island shoreline** in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°49.94' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°45.37' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

The intent of the spring fishery outside of Kendrick Bay is to harvest SSRAA produced chum salmon returning to the THA. To minimize the harvest of wild stock salmon, fishing area will be limited to within 2 nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline and fishing time and area may be reduced in subsequent openings.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept and 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).

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. **For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.**

The 2018 forecasted run of summer chum salmon to Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area is 593,000 chum salmon. Of this run, 190,000 fish are needed for broodstock leaving 403,000 fish available for common property harvest. NSRAA is not planning any direct cost-recovery harvest at Hidden Falls. Additionally, due to the low forecasted run of chum salmon, there will be no tax assessment in the HFH THA. Due to recent run failures and a weak forecast, only 2-3 openings are anticipated prior to the anticipated closure for broodstock collection. If the run comes in substantially above forecast, openings will be authorized as numbers allow.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018**.

Copies of the “2018 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 1S1518.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 25
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 19, 2018

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2*	0	40	150	250	7,500	7,940	35
Deep Inlet THA	220	0	0	0	300	520	6
Total	220	40	150	250	7,800	8,460	41

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	0	1	4	7	214	226
Deep Inlet THA	37	0	0	0	50	87

Confidential Data: Hidden Falls THA and Point Augusta Index Area.

No reported harvest: Kendrick Bay THA.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 800 Chinook salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,000 Chinook and 100 chum salmon.

*District 2: estimated harvest for 2 days.

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