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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery.

**Alsek River:** will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 24, through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 25. Until further notice, salmon may be taken only with gillnets of six inches or smaller mesh.

**East River:** will remain **closed** until further notice. This includes the waters two miles on either side of the mouth seaward for a distance of 500 yards.

**Dangerous River:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25.

**Akwe River:** will remain **closed** until further notice and may open on short notice once escapement counts have improved.

**Lost River:** will remain **closed** until further notice.

**Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25, with the following restrictions:

**Mouth of Situk River:** commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Situk River west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough (59°26.27' N. latitude, 139°32.62' W. longitude) to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit (59°25.77' N. latitude, 139°33.18' W. longitude) to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand Spit (59°26.49' N. latitude, 139°35.01' W. longitude) and to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station (59°26.72' N. latitude, 139°34.61' W. longitude). **All waters of Johnson Slough are closed** to commercial fishing until the Chinook salmon run is over.

**Mouth of the Lost River:** commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Lost River west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38' N. latitude, 139°36.55' W. longitude (approximately 500 yards upstream from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°27.13' N. latitude, 139°36.83' W. longitude, to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand

Spit at 59°27.63' N. latitude, 139°37.80' W. longitude, to a regulation marker approximately 600 yards west of the Lost River mouth at 59°27.82' N. latitude, 139°37.46' W. longitude.

**Yakutat Bay:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25.

**Manby Shore-Outside Waters:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25.

**Manby Shore-Inside Waters:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25.

**Remainder of the Yakutat District:** will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 25.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0518.

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