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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, July 8, 2018.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 12,** with the following restriction:

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

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 11,** 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.

There will be no mesh size restriction in place in District 6.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 11,** 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 Frederick Point and south and east of a line from a point approximately 1.3 nautical miles north of Bear Creek at 56°42.93' N. latitude, 132°44.53' W. longitude, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.63' N. latitude, 132°37.09' W. longitude;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed northeast of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.95' N. latitude, 132°40.67' W. longitude, to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.82' N. latitude, 132°40.15' W. longitude, to Two Tree Island Light to Neal Point Light to Ancon Point Light to East Point at 56°22.97' N. latitude, 132°24.26' W. longitude, to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 10**, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Jaw Point at **58°16.81' N. latitude**;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at **58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude**, to a point on the south shore at **58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers)**;

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at **58°07.76' N. latitude**.

There will be no maximum mesh size restriction or night closures in place in District 11.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 10**, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light and east of line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2 nautical miles from the eastern shoreline at **58°51.00' N. latitude, 135°12.77' W. longitude**, and north of the latitude of Sherman Rock at **58°51.00' N. latitude**, with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 10**, in the waters south of **58°37.05' N. latitude** and north of the latitude of Little Island Light at **58°32.41' N. latitude**, with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C (Postage Stamp): will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11**, in the waters south of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at **58°35.46' N. latitude**, and east of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light at **58°35.46' N. latitude, 135°01.13' W. longitude** to Little Island Light at **58°32.41' N. latitude, 135°02.83' W. longitude**, with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open **from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 8, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 12**, in those waters **within 1 nautical mile** of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of **Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude**, south to **58°37.05' N. latitude** with no night closures and with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

Fishing will be open continuously within the Boat Harbor THA in the waters of Boat Harbor west of a marker at **135°09.57' W. longitude** with no night closures or mesh size restrictions.

Chinook salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted

against the Alaska allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are asked to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional areas. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared Chinook salmon, so those fish are not counted against the Alaska share of the harvest. **Any salmon retained for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2218.

Statistical Week 27 (July 1 through July 7)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 5, 2018

NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	200	1,500	100	1,500	22,000	25,300	36	4
District 6	400	1,800	2,000	2,000	9,000	15,200	31	3
District 8	200	800	100	50	3,400	4,550	14	3
District 11	200	1,700	50	50	120,000	122,000	110	2
District 15	85	1,300	10	15	125,000	126,410	170	4
Total	1,085	7,100	2,260	3,615	279,400	293,460		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	6	42	3	42	611	703
District 6	13	58	65	65	290	490
District 8	14	57	7	4	243	325
District 11	2	15	0	0	1,091	1,109
District 15	1	8	0	0	735	744

Nakat Inlet THA: 16,000 chum salmon to date.

Neets Bay THA: 2,500 Chinook and 4,500 chum salmon to date.

Anita Bay THA: 5,600 Chinook and 2,600 chum salmon to date.

Deep Inlet THA: 2,500 Chinook and 10,200 chum salmon to date.

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