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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 8, 2018:**

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 1 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 8, 2018:**

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.

District 11

District 11: **will be closed.**

District 12

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

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

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) 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 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within 1.0 nmi of Baranof Island and Catherine Island north of South Point (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and south of 57°21.00' N. latitude, with the following restriction:

Kelp Bay: normal markers.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 1.0 nmi 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.

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 Hidden Falls THA. Due to recent run failures and a weak forecast, openings will only be authorized as numbers allow. Openings at the Hidden Falls THA will be kept within 1 nmi of the shoreline, as defined in the description of the opening, to protect weak chinook and pink salmon returns destined for systems further inland.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 10, 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 1S2318.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Mid-Week 27
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 6, 2018

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2	0	320	550	3,000	19,000	22,870	38
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	450	30	90	86,000	86,570	84
Hidden Falls THA	150	130	20	540	62,000	62,840	51
Total	150	900	600	3,630	167,000	172,280	173

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	8	14	79	500	602
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	5	0	1	1,024	1,031
Hidden Falls THA	3	3	0	11	1,216	1,232

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 3,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 6,200 Chinook and 4,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 15,000 chum salmon.

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