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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

District 1: **will be closed.**

District 2

District 2: **will be closed.**

District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2018:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area (SHA): will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65′ N. latitude, 134°49.30′ W. longitude, running west to the northern tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35′ N. latitude, 134°52.14′ W. longitude, then running southeast to the southern tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32′ N. latitude, 134°51.01′ W. longitude, then running southeast to a point at 58°28.62′ N. latitude, 134°48.22′ W. longitude, then running northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78′ N. latitude, 134°47.26′ W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99′ N. latitude, 134°47.41′ W. longitude, then north to a marker on the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47′ N. latitude, 134°47.78′ W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02′ N. latitude, 134°48.06′ W. longitude, and including the waters of Eagle Harbor north of a line from a point at 58°29.83′ N. latitude, 134°47.63′ W. longitude to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°29.69′ N. latitude, 134°47.91′ W. longitude.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2018:**

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

Point Augusta: **will be closed**.

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within 1.0 nautical mile (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.

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.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2018:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76′ W. longitude.

Normal markers are always in effect unless otherwise stated.

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**.

DIPAC has requested that fisherman awaiting the Amalga Harbor SHA fishery be respectful of recreational users and residents in the Amalga Harbor area. Please do not leave skiffs unattended at the boat launch dock.

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 1.0 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 **Friday, July 13, 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 1S2618.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates

Statistical Week 28

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 10, 2018

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	350	250	13,500	9,000	23,100	32
District 2	0	500	550	2,500	30,000	33,550	30
Point Augusta*	0	400	10	3,600	4,300	8,310	5
Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	300	300	90	3,900	61,000	65,590	94
Total	**300**	**1,550**	**900**	**23,500**	**104,300**	**130,550**	**129**

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	11	8	422	281	722
District 2	0	17	18	83	1,000	1,118
Point Augusta*	0	80	2	720	860	1,662
Kelp Bay/Hidden Falls THA	3	3	1	41	649	698

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 4,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 8,000 Chinook and 4,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 42,000 chum salmon.

*In the Point Augusta Index fishery, total pink salmon harvest was 29% of the recent even-year average, and total chum salmon harvest was 56% of the ten-year average.

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