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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., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from Alava Point to Twin Island Light and then to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N. latitude (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of 55°07.74' N. latitude (the southernmost tip of Dall Head).

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

District 2: will be open **south of Tolstoi Point at 55°40.25' N. latitude** with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: will be closed **south of a line from the northernmost tip of Chasina Point to Skin Island Light to the northernmost tip of Clover Point**;

Cleveland Peninsula: will be closed within 1.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Island Point;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018**:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Round Point at 55°07.63' N. latitude with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62' N. latitude, 132°58.33' W. longitude to Shoe Island Light to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point located at 54°43.80' N. latitude, 132°41.83' W. longitude;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately 0.5 nmi east of Guide Rock);

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of Kassa Point at 132°31.62' W. longitude;

Nutkwa Inlet: will be closed north of a line from a point on Prince of Wales Island at 55°01.60' N. latitude 132°35.86' W. longitude (the latitude of Melon Rock Light) to the southernmost tip of Lime Point at 55°03.19' N. latitude 132°37.53' W. longitude.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line **from Cape Lynch to a point on Esquibel Island at 55°38.19' N. latitude, 133°33.44' W. longitude** to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island at 55°39.31' N. latitude, 133°25.16' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Blanquizar Point at 55°37.36' N. latitude, 133°23.86' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Blanquizar Point at 55°37.10' N. latitude, 133°23.23' W. longitude **to the northernmost tip of Rosary Island at 55°35.13' N. latitude, 133°18.34' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Sombrero Island at 55°34.00' N. latitude, 133°14.21' W. longitude** to the northernmost tip of Tranquil Point at 55°23.00' N. latitude, 133°13.46' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo at 55°20.81' N. latitude, 133°21.42' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at 55°21.52' N. latitude, 133°16.20' W. longitude.

Section 3-C: **will be closed.**

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018**:

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

Sumner Strait and Affleck Canal: will be open north a line from the northernmost tip of Cape Pole to Cape Decision Light and south of a line from Point Saint Albans to the westernmost Barrier Island at 56°12.58' N. latitude, 133°40.78' W. longitude then due east to Prince of Wales Island with the following restriction:

Trout Creek: will be closed within 0.5 nmi of the Kosciusko Island shoreline south of the southernmost tip of Ruins Point (56°03.95' N. latitude) and north of 56°02.23' N. latitude.

District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

Section 6-D: will be open within **2.0 nmi of the Prince of Wales shoreline south of 55°57.60' N. latitude** with the following restriction:

Ratz Harbor: will be closed within 0.5 nmi of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of 55°53.59' N. latitude and north of 55°52.87' N. latitude.

District 7

Section 7-B: **will be closed.**

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

Section 9-B: will be open south of the latitude of **Point Ellis** with the following restriction:

Gedney Harbor: will be closed north and east of a line from Swaine Point to Point Cosmos.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 16, 2018:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Salisbury Sound: **will be closed.**

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Slocum Arm: will be closed south and east of 135°54.86' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be closed:

Whale Bay: will be closed.

Sitka Sound: will be closed.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) 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 next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, August 17, 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 EO 1S5318.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 33
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 14, 2018

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	1,600	750	30,000	4,200	36,550	13
District 2	0	1,000	800	25,000	7,000	33,800	15
District 3	0	1,500	3,000	260,000	14,000	278,500	50
District 4	0	1,000	800	38,000	5,000	44,800	15
District 6	0	1,000	4,000	100,000	2,000	107,000	15
District 7	0	400	2,200	44,000	3,700	50,300	12
District 9	0	200	900	90,000	4,000	95,100	11
District 13	0	300	1,300	325,000	22,700	349,300	63
Total	0	7,000	13,750	912,000	62,600	995,350	194

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	123	58	2,308	323	2,812
District 2	0	67	53	1,667	467	2,253
District 3	0	30	60	5,200	280	5,570
District 4	0	67	53	2,533	333	2,987
District 6	0	67	267	6,667	133	7,133
District 7	0	33	183	3,667	308	4,192
District 9	0	18	82	8,182	364	8,645
District 13	0	5	21	5,159	360	5,544

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 140,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 75,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 234,000 chum salmon.

Confidential: District 5.

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