## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET FALL FISHING 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, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

East River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22

*Note:* There will be no fish buyer in Dry Bay and fishermen are advised to find means to sell and transport their fish harvested from the Alsek and East Alsek rivers before fishing commences.

<u>Akwe River</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

<u>Dangerous River</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

<u>Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22 with the following restrictions:

**Mouth of Situk River:** Commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited upstream of a line form the ADF&G regulatory marker located on the western bank of the Situk River mouth near the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.66′ N. latitude, 129°34.43′ W. latitude, **to an ADF&G regulatory marker buoy** anchored in the channel directly off the mouth of the Situk River at 59°26.28′ N. latitude, 139°34.08′ W. latitude, and to an ADF&G regulatory marker on the cut bank on the eastern side of the mouth of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73′ N. latitude, 139°33.25′ W. latitude.

**Mouth of the Lost River:** Commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Lost River east of an ADF&G regulatory marker located at 59°27.38′ N. latitude, 139°36.55′ W. longitude, (approximately 500 yards upstream from the Lost River terminus) and west of the Lost River at 59°27.82′ N. latitude, 139°37.46′ W. longitude (approximately 500 yards downstream from Lost River terminus).

Chinook Salmon Retention in Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: The commercial and subsistence fisheries for Chinook Salmon remain closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to needy in the community.

<u>Manby Shore-Outside Waters</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

<u>Manby Shore-Inside Waters</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

<u>Remainder of the Yakutat District</u>: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 22.

**YAKATAGA DISTRICT, including the Kaliakh River**: will be open from 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 19, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 22.

Tsiu/Tsivat River: will remain closed until further notice.

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

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y1418.

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