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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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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 time and in the areas listed below.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2018:

**District 2:** will be open within 2 nautical miles (nmi) of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point at 55°40.25' N. latitude and north of Cape Chacon Light with the following restrictions:

**Cholmondeley Sound:** will be closed south of a line from approximately 1.7 nmi southwest of Chasina Island at 55°15.00' N. latitude, 132°04.34' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Hump Island at 55°13.62' N. latitude, 132°07.34' W longitude to a point 1.0 nmi due west of the northernmost tip of Babe Island at 55°13.04' N. latitude, 132°09.64' W. longitude;

**West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound:** will be closed west of 132°20.05' W. longitude;

**South Arm of Cholmondeley Sound:** will be closed south of 55°12.00' N. latitude;

**Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters:** will be closed west of Skowl Point Light;

**Sunny Cove:** will be closed north of 55°15.00' N. latitude;

**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:** will be closed.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2018:

**Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:**

**Crawfish Inlet Special Harvest Area (SHA): will be open east of line from 56°45.34' N. latitude, 135°11.05' W. longitude to 56°44.87' N. latitude, 135°11.05' W. longitude with the following restrictions:**

**Crawfish Inlet: will be closed north of a line from 56°47.41' N. latitude, 135°06.61' W. longitude to 56°47.36' N. latitude, 135°07.13' W. longitude;**

**Crawfish Inlet head stream: no restrictions will be in effect for the Crawfish Inlet head stream (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed);**

**All other anadromous streams: will be closed to within 100 yards of freshwater (stream channels remain closed).**

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 924,000 chum salmon.

The chum salmon harvest to date for Crawfish Inlet is approximately 3,000,000 chum salmon; approximately 1,620,000 chum salmon have been harvested in the common property seine openings and Crawfish Inlet troll harvest to date is 215,000 chum salmon.

The department will be monitoring chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Katlian Bay, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum salmon opportunities.

**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, September 14, 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](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S6818.

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