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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 20**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of Akeku Point at 54°50.03' N. latitude located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 19**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt to Nesbitt Reef Light to Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 19**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south and west of a line from the District 10 boundary 1.0 nautical miles (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Frederick Point;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point, north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield, north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance to Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 18**, with the following restrictions:

Limestone Inlet: will be closed;

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point at 58°00.66' N. latitude, 133°47.15' W. longitude to Sentinel Point at 57°59.74' N. latitude, 133°45.62' W. longitude.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 18**, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of a line from Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N. latitude, 135°22.97' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.58' N. latitude, 135°21.70' W. longitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 18**.

The Speel Arm Special Harvest Area (SHA) will be closed for the season.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6918.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 37 (September 9 through September 15)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 13, 2018

| NUMBER OF SALMON | | | | | | | | Days |
|------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------|
| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats | Open |
| District 1 | 0 | 150 | 10,800 | 50 | 4,000 | 15,000 | 35 | 4 |
| District 6 | 60 | 70 | 22,000 | 300 | 900 | 23,330 | 86 | 4 |
| District 8 | 5 | 5 | 3,000 | 50 | 1,000 | 4,060 | 11 | 4 |
| District 11 | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 50 | 5,050 | 20 | 3 |
| District 15 | 0 | 70 | 8,000 | 0 | 6,000 | 14,070 | 50 | 3 |
| Total | 65 | 295 | 48,800 | 400 | 11,950 | 61,510 | | |

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| District 1 | 0 | 4 | 309 | 1 | 114 | 429 |
| District 6 | 1 | 1 | 256 | 3 | 10 | 271 |
| District 8 | 0 | 0 | 273 | 5 | 91 | 369 |
| District 11 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 | 3 | 253 |
| District 15 | 0 | 1 | 160 | 0 | 120 | 281 |

Nakat Inlet THA: 99,000 chum salmon to date.

Anita Bay THA: 1,000 coho salmon to date.

Deep Inlet THA: 310,000 chum salmon to date.

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