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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the District 8 and District 11 drift gillnet fisheries:

District 8: The second inseason estimate is projecting a terminal run size of 21,000 Stikine River Chinook salmon. This forecast is well below the preseason forecast and results in no U.S. allowable directed harvest. District 8 will remain closed until the start of the sockeye salmon fishing season. **The sockeye salmon fishing season will begin in both Districts 6 and 8 on Monday, June 18, 2012.**

District 11: The third inseason estimate is projecting a terminal run size of 10,600 Taku River Chinook salmon. This forecast is well below the preseason forecast and results in no U.S. allowable directed harvest. **The traditional drift gillnet fishery in District 11 will begin on Sunday, June 17, 2012.**

The department will continue to evaluate inriver stock assessment information as it becomes available.

The next drift gillnet news release will be Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Information concerning troll fisheries will be announced in separate new releases.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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