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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 times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will continue to be open to purse seining **through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2013:**

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

The Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA) opened on June 15, 2013, by regulation, and will be open continuously to purse seining through September 30, unless closed by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. longitude and those waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. longitude.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2013:**

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2013:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor SHA: will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65' N. latitude, 134°49.30' W. longitude, running west to the northernmost tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35' N. latitude, 134°52.14' W. longitude, then running south to the southernmost tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32' N. latitude, 134°51.01' W. longitude, then running southeast to a point at 58°28.72' N. latitude, 134°47.75' W. longitude, then running northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78' N. latitude, 134°47.26' W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99' N. latitude, 134°47.41' W. longitude, then north to the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47' N. latitude, 134°47.78' W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02' N. latitude, 134°48.06' W. longitude.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2013:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Chichagof Island Shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline north of the latitude of South Passage Point (including the waters of Tenakee Inlet east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point and Freshwater Bay to normal markers);

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of Baranof Island and Catherine Island north of South Point (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and south of 57°21.00' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Kelp Bay: normal markers.

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N. latitude, 134°50.53' W. longitude to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 4, 2013:

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept separate from the areas of District 2 outside of Kendrick Bay THA and recorded separately on a fish ticket. This includes the new portion of the THA in McLean Arm. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 inside of Kendrick Bay. In addition, and new for 2013, the statistical area for the THA portion of McLean arm is now 102-15. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 160,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,155,000 available for common property harvest. On June 30, the average weight of chum salmon was 6.8 pounds and the sex ratio was 45% male. **As of July 2, NSRAA has secured only 10,000 chum salmon behind the barrier net for broodstock. With recent samples indicating the run may be early and past the peak it may be necessary to restrict fishing at Hidden Falls beginning July 7.** Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect **and includes the Kelp Bay area** – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The Amalga Harbor SHA opening coincides with the 4th of July holiday and fishermen are requested to be considerate of, and provide adequate passage for recreational boaters transiting the fishing area from the Amalga Harbor boat launch. Fishermen are also advised of a change to the south line of the open area as described above.

The actual pink salmon harvest based on the fish ticket from the June 29 Hawk Inlet test fishery was twice the estimate previously reported. The 3,600 pinks caught was nearly four times the ten year average total harvest.

The June 30 Point Augusta Index Area pink salmon harvest was seven times the ten year average.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 5, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 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 1S2113.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 27
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 2, 2013

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 2	0	3,500	9,000	80,000	120,000	212,500	35
Point Augusta	0	625	50	150,000	15,000	165,675	17
Tenakee Inlet	0	260	50	56,000	27,000	83,310	14
Section 13-C	0	70	10	9,000	3,000	12,080	4
Deep Inlet THA	200	80	50	100	27,000	27,430	20
Hidden Falls THA	2,700	700	2,000	68,000	345,000	418,400	121

FISH PER BOAT

Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	100	257	2,286	3,429	6,071
Point Augusta	0	37	3	8,824	882	9,746
Tenakee Inlet	0	19	4	4,000	1,929	5,951
Section 13-C	0	18	3	2,250	750	3,020
Deep Inlet THA	10	4	3	5	1,350	2,494
Hidden Falls THA	22	6	17	562	2,851	3,458

District 10: no reported harvest.

Anita Bay THA: 100 chums and 2,500 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: confidential.

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