



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 2, 2020**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.00' N lat.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56°13.93' N lat, 132°52.35' W long to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56°13.22' N lat, 132°51.84' W long to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56°10.68' N lat, 132° 44.36' W long to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56°10.27' N lat, 132°43.57' W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N lat, 132°42.70' W long to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56°00.69' N lat, 132°36.47' W long and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55°59.05' N lat, 132°44.08' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south of a line from the mainland shore at 56°50.67' N lat, 132°47.36' W long to a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.76' N lat, 132°49.25' W long and south and west of a line from a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.76' N lat, 132°49.25' W long to the southern tip of Sukoi Island at 56°53.28' N lat, 132°55.91' W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long to a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline at the District 10 boundary at 56°57.13' N lat, 132°59.05' W long;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River, including Chichagof Pass and Zimovia Strait, will be closed east of a line from the western shore of Blind Slough at 56°30.71' N lat, 132°43.48' W long to Craig Point Light at 56°27.40' N lat, 132°42.95' W long to South Craig Point at 56°23.40' N lat, 132°37.34' W long to Reef Point at 56°21.37' N lat, 132°33.54' W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.00' N lat, 132°32.30' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of 58°14.70' N lat (approximately 0.5 nmi north of Cooper Point);

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.03' N lat, 133°59.59' W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.72' N lat, 133°59.43' W long (outside markers);

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57°58.42' N lat, 133°53.93' W long to Point Anmer at 57°56.07' N lat, 133°51.05' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long and west of a line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2.0 nmi from the eastern shoreline at 58°50.80' N lat, 135°12.77' W long (the latitude of Sherman Rock);

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°01.13' W long and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°02.83' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor terminal harvest area (THA) outer waters east of 135°09.57' W long will be open within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N lat, 135°13.98' W long and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96' N lat, 135°08.40' W long, from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93' N lat;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor THA inner waters west of 135°09.57' W long **remains open** with no restrictions.

Please code all salmon harvested in the inside waters of the Boat Harbor THA to statistical area 115-12.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches in length and those of Alaska hatchery origin will not be counted against Southeast Alaska's all gear harvest limit of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are requested to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will allow for better accounting of harvests and assist in sampling the harvests to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1820.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26 (June 21 through June 27)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 25, 2020

NUMBER OF SALMON

| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats | Days Open |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------|
| District 1 | 400 | 1,800 | 150 | 150 | 8,000 | 10,500 | 25 | 4 |
| District 6 | 100 | 400 | 200 | 100 | 2,300 | 3,100 | 34 | 2 |
| District 11 | 300 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 25 | 2 |
| District 15 | 235 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 27,000 | 27,435 | 75 | 2 |
| Total | 1,035 | 2,600 | 350 | 250 | 38,300 | 42,535 | | |

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

| District | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| District 1 | 16 | 72 | 6 | 6 | 320 | 420 |
| District 6 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 68 | 91 |
| District 11 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 60 |
| District 15 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 360 | 366 |

Nakat Inlet THA: Confidential.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 600 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 1,800 Chinook and 1,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 900 Chinook and 100 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,900 Chinook and 8,000 chum salmon.

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