



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.03' N lat.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 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;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys at 56°20.18' N lat, 132°11.90' W long to Rookery Island Light at 56°18.85' N lat, 133°06.34' W long to the westernmost tip of Fire Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 132°03.59' W long to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 132°04.41' W long.

District 8: **will be closed.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 22, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed west of a line from Point Bishop at 58°11.99' N lat, 134°09.01' W long to the Point Arden Light at 58°09.55' N lat, 134°10.68' W long;

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.

The Point Bishop area in Section 11-B has been closed at the request of DIPAC to conserve chum salmon needed for broodstock.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 21, 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 nautical miles (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, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 22, 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;

St. James Bay: will be closed north of line from a regulatory marker at 58°33.44' N lat, 135°09.44' W long to Point Whidbey at 58°34.40' N lat, 135°08.36' W long;

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

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) outer waters east of 135°09.57' W long will be open within 2.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N lat, 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, July 19, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 23, 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.

There will be no night closures in effect in Section 15-C.

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

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 1S2920.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 29 (July 12 through July 18)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 16, 2020

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	200	1,000	2,000	18,000	21,000	42,200	29	4
District 6	75	1,300	1,200	9,200	25,000	14,275	51	2
District 8	200	850	20	500	1,300	2,870	16	2
District 11	200	6,500	200	10,000	45,000	61,900	50	4
District 15	75	4,000	120	6,500	40,000	50,695	131	4
Total	750	13,650	3,540	44,200	132,300	171,940		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	7	34	69	621	724	1,455
District 6	1	25	24	180	490	280
District 8	13	53	1	31	81	179
District 11	4	130	4	200	900	1,238
District 15	1	31	1	50	305	387

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 26,000 chum salmon

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,000 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 3,200 Chinook and 2,200 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 5,900 Chinook and 2,800 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,400 Chinook and 58,500 chum salmon.

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