



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91' N lat, 131°19.04' W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04' N lat, 131°25.17' W long to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N lat, 133°50.38' W long (latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54°55.45' N lat, 130°58.65' W long to Black Rock Light at 55°01.40' N lat, 131°03.55' W long to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55°07.91' N lat, 131°04.85' W long then due east to the mainland shore;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74' N lat.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northern tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10' N lat and within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the latitude of Figgins Point at 55°33.14' N lat and north of the latitude of the western tip of Grindall Point at 55°27.10' N lat with the following restrictions:

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35' W long;

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28' N lat with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62' N lat, 132°58.33' W long, to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10' N lat, 132°44.78' W long, to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80' N lat, 132°41.83' W long;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N lat, 132°24.77' W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.25' N lat, 132°20.35' W long to a point at 54°49.68' N lat, 132°20.50' W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62' W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87' N lat, 133°42.10' W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06' N lat, 133°27.37' W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10' N lat, 133°27.81' W long with the following restriction:

Port Asumcion: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80' N lat, 133°30.64' W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04' N lat, 133°30.26' W long.

**Section 3-C: will be open west of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Marble Island at 133°26.89' W long with the following restrictions:**

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light at 55°56.31' N lat, 133°36.96' W long to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 56°0.30' N lat, 133°28.64' W long;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed east of the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 133°28.64' W long.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2020:**

Shakan Bay: will be open east of the longitude of Station Island Light at 133°37.55' W long.

#### District 12

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least August 1, 2020.

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.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA should be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. 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).

NSRAA is falling short of their broodstock goals for their Hidden Falls and Gunnuk Creek hatcheries. Therefore, the SE Cove THA common property fishery will remain closed to allow for broodstock collection.

To date, only 1,136 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 2,800 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and will take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

**The department is considering a line adjustment to the Thomas Bay THA that would be announced in a subsequent advisory announcement.**

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 31, 2020.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3520.

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/>

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**Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates**  
**Statistical Week 31**  
**Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 28, 2020**

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**NUMBERS OF SALMON**

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<b>Area</b>	<b>Chinook</b>	<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Boats</b>
District 1	0	4,000	1100	150,000	12,000	167,100	49
District 3	0	1,200	900	24,000	24,000	50,100	14
District 4	0	11,000	2,700	72,000	6,000	91,700	30
Point Augusta	0	130	150	23,000	1,600	24,880	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>269,000</b>	<b>43,600</b>	<b>333,780</b>	<b>105</b>

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**FISH PER BOAT**

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<b>Area</b>	<b>Chinook</b>	<b>Sockeye</b>	<b>Coho</b>	<b>Pink</b>	<b>Chum</b>	<b>Total</b>
District 1	0	82	22	3,061	245	3,410
District 3	0	86	64	1,714	1,714	3,579
District 4	0	367	90	2,400	200	3,057
Point Augusta	0	11	13	1,917	133	2,073

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 24,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,300 Chinook and 110,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 32,000 chum salmon.

Confidential: Districts 2 and 5.

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At the Point Augusta Index Area, the harvest of pink salmon was 43% of the 10-yr average and 67% of recent even-yr average. The harvest of chum salmon was 63% of the 10-yr average.

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