



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, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 2020**, in those waters south of 54°54.50' N lat (approximately 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) south of Foggy Point), 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, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

Salmon Bay: **normal markers.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nmi off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.13' N lat, 132°59.05' W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long to Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long;

Stikine River: will be closed west of a line from Babbler Point at 56°29.09' N lat, 132°17.37' W long to Hour Point at 56°27.72' N lat, 132°16.79' W long, north of the Wrangell Island shoreline from Hour Point to Point Highfield at 56°29.35' N lat, 132°23.23' W long, north and east of a line from Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56°29.83' N lat, 132°29.18' W long to the southern end of Greys Island at 56°30.67' N lat, 132°33.05' W long to the small island near the eastern entrance to Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to the nearest point of Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56°40.77' N lat, 132°39.28' W long to the northern end of Coney Island at 56°41.62' N lat, 132°38.92' W long to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.63' N lat, 132°37.09' W long;

Kunk Creek: **normal markers.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 11, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

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.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 11, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93' N lat;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93' N lat and south of the latitude of the Katzehin River flats light at 59°11.73' N lat;

Lutak Inlet: will be closed north of a line from White Rock at 59°18.05' N lat, 135°31.33' W long to a point at 59°18.73' N lat, 135°30.16' W long.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 11, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N lat;

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.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) outer waters currently open within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal east of 135°09.57' W long and south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.75' N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96' N lat, 135°08.40' W long, **will close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 12, 2020.**

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor THA inner waters west of 135°09.57' W long remains open until further notice.

Please code harvests for 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.

To date, 1,980 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 3,200 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 may take management action through statistical week 33.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is currently being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive at least one day of fishing time during statistical week 33. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given two days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than one day during statistical week 33 the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

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 1S4220.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 32 (August 2 through August 8)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 6, 2020

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	25	500	1,500	30,000	13,000	45,025	31	5
District 6	10	700	900	17,000	9,000	27,610	44	2
District 8	100	300	300	5,000	25,000	30,700	40	2
District 11	30	2,500	400	11,000	5,000	18,930	45	2
District 15	20	7,000	150	11,000	5,000	23,170	62	2
Total	185	11,000	3,200	70,600	56,000	140,985		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	16	48	968	419	1,452
District 6	0	16	20	386	205	628
District 8	3	8	8	125	625	768
District 11	1	56	9	244	111	421
District 15	0	113	2	177	81	374

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 58,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,600 Chinook and 87,000 chum salmon.

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