



## 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 18, 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, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 18, 2020**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 18, 2020**, with the following restrictions:

Frederick Sound: will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nmi (nautical mile) 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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 17, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 20, 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: waters north of the latitude of Katzechin River flats light at 59°11.73' N lat will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 2020**, with the following restriction:

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-A: waters south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93' N lat will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 17, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 2020.**

Section 15-C (including the outer waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA)): will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 17, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 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 THA inner waters west of 135°09.57' W long remains open until further notice.

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.

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 34. 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 34, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

**Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, Districts 11 and 15 gillnet openings, with the exception of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets, will be delayed until Monday, August 17.**

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 1S4620.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
 Statistical Week 33 (August 9 through August 15)  
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 13, 2020

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NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days
								Open
District 1	10	200	800	8,000	6,000	15,010	25	2
District 6	10	200	400	16,000	4,000	20,610	32	3
District 8	10	100	200	1,500	14,000	15,810	33	3
District 11	0	1,000	600	3,500	1,000	6,100	20	3
District 15	0	6,000	100	12,000	1,000	19,100	48	3
Total	30	7,500	2,100	41,000	26,000	76,630		

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	8	32	320	240	600
District 6	0	6	13	500	125	644
District 8	0	3	6	45	424	479
District 11	0	50	30	175	50	305
District 15	0	125	2	250	21	398

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 70,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 3,600 Chinook and 132,000 chum salmon.

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