



Advisory Announcement

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SECTION 13-B SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open to purse seining **from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, August 30, 2020:**

West Crawfish Inlet: will be open north and east of a line from 56°49.10' N lat, 135°10.00' W long to 56°49.54' N lat, 135°10.53' W long, and north of a line from 56°49.20' N lat, 135°11.38' W long to 56°49.20' N lat, 135°11.89' W long with the following restrictions:

West Crawfish Inlet (including the NW arm): will be closed north of 56°50.56' N lat;

Shamrock Bay: all waters will be open. No anadromous waters restrictions will be in effect for Lake Ekaterina Outlet Stream (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

The Crawfish Inlet SHA will open as previously announced.

Crawfish Inlet SHA: NSRAA has forecasted a run of 1,579,000 chum salmon to the Crawfish Inlet THA. NSRAA has achieved their cost recovery goal with a harvest of 521,000 chum salmon. Approximately 43,400 chum salmon have been harvested in the common property troll fishery and approximately 154,000 chum salmon have been harvested by the common property seine fishery. To continue to minimize potential straying of hatchery produced chum salmon and maintain quality the department is opening a small portion of West Crawfish Inlet to common property purse seine fishing. This area should have a minimal impact on wild stock salmon returning to West Crawfish Inlet as wild stock pink and chum salmon are typically in the stream based on normal run timing and recent aerial surveys of the area. **It is important for seine vessels to correctly report harvest location during this opening: West Crawfish Inlet is statistical area 113-32 and Crawfish Inlet is statistical area 113-33.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **MAY be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

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 next seine announcement will be issued **on or before Tuesday, September 1, 2020.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5420.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 224,500 chum salmon.

Crawfish Inlet SHA and West Crawfish Inlet harvest to date: 154,000 chum 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/>.

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