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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 1, 2021,** 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, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, 2021,** 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;

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

District 8: will be closed.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, 2021,** with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of 58°14.70′ N lat (approximately 0.5 nautical miles [nmi] north of Cooper Point);

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;

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-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, 2021,** 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 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, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, 2021,** 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 and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41′ N lat, 135°02.83′ W long;

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: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) outer waters east of 135°09.57′ W long will be open within 1.0 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, from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 27, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 29, 2021,** with the following restrictions:

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.;

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93′ N lat.

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

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 Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1721.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26 (June 20 through June 26)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 24, 2021

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	600	600	100	100	5,500	6,900	25	4
District 6	120	900	130	3,200	3,000	7,350	17	2
District 11	200	400	0	10	150	760	20	2
District 15	175	450	0	350	7,600	8,575	47	2
Total	1,095	2,350	230	3,660	16,250	23,585		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	24	24	4	4	220	276
District 6	7	53	8	188	176	432
District 11	10	20	0	1	8	38
District 15	4	10	0	7	162	182

Nakat Inlet THA: Confidential.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 600 Chinook salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 1,200 Chinook and 20 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,800 Chinook and 10 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,300 Chinook and 4,600 chum salmon.

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