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KLAG BAY SUBSISTENCE AND SPORT SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERY AREA CLOSURE

Effective from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 5, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, December 31, 2021, the waters of Klag Bay north of the latitude of Rose Point at 57°37.60′ N lat, and the waters of Klag Bay Lake drainage will be closed to the retention of sockeye salmon in the subsistence and sport fisheries.

The Klag Bay Lake weir, operated by the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, was installed and operational on June 30, 2021. As of August 3, 154 sockeye salmon have been counted through the weir. Harvest of sockeye salmon in the subsistence fishery is estimated to be 1,600 fish. Weir counts and observations of sockeye salmon in marine waters indicate low sockeye salmon abundance for the time of year. Based on historic run timing, 28% of the run should be in Klag Lake through August 3. Due to the low sockeye salmon abundance and current estimated subsistence harvest the department is closing the subsistence and sport fisheries in Klag Bay to the harvest of sockeye salmon to help ensure adequate escapement of sockeye salmon into Klag Lake.

The Emergency Orders corresponding with this announcement are: 1S2321 and 1-RS-D-23-21.

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