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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from **Moth Point at 55°15.92' N lat, 131°19.69' W long to Spire Island Reef Light at 55°16.08' N lat, 131°29.98' W long** to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N lat, 131°50.40' W long (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74′ N lat;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Moth Point at 55°15.92′ N lat, 131°19.69′ W long to the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat, 131°19.04′ W long.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northern tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Moira Sound</u>: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35′ W long;

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed.

#### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.07′ N lat, 132°44.68′ W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.43′ N lat, 132°24.86′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.04′ N lat, 133°27.35′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion:</u> will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long;

<u>Portillo Channel</u>: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.64′ W long to Arrecife Point at 55°26.93′ N lat, 133°25.90′ W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.04′ N lat, 133°27.35′ W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80′ N lat, 133°28.76′ W long.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 11

Section 11-A: will be closed.

#### District 12

Tenakee Inlet: will be closed;

Kelp Bay: will be closed.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39′ N lat and north of the latitude of Point Marsden at 58°03.40′ N lat;

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, north of 57°06.76′ N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28′ N lat, 134°48.00′ W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76′ N lat, 134°43.00′ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Kasnyku Bay</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36′ N lat, 134°50.53′ W long to the northernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.68′ N lat, 134°50.48′ W long to the southernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.56′ N lat, 134°50.51′ W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48′ N lat, 134°50.98′ W long.

#### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 23, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2023:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76′ W long.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Section 13-A: Lisianski Inlet will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Soapstone Point at 58°06.33′ N lat, 136°29.86′ W long to the westernmost tip of Column Point at 58°07.21′ N lat, 136°26.88′ W long, and north of 57°54.54′ N lat with the following restriction:

<u>Lisianski Strait</u>: will be closed south of 58°00.16′ N lat.

## District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Section 14-B: will be open south of the latitude of Crist Point at 58°10.27′ N lat;

Section 14-C: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

To date, only 136 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 1,100 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 actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls THA may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 29, 2023.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches (large) are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained large Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, 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 Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4123.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Midweek 29

## **Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 21, 2023**

## NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	3,000	1,500	470,000	75,000	549,500	45
District 2	0	3,500	1,800	130,000	142,000	277,300	41
District 4	0	9,000	9,400	180,000	50,000	248,400	27
District 12	0	2,500	700	175,000	20,000	198,200	19
District 14	0	150	50	87,000	10,000	97,200	8
Total	0	18,150	13,450	1,042,000	297,000	1,370,600	140

	FISH PER BOAT							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
District 1	0	67	33	10,444	1,667	12,211		
District 2	0	85	44	3,171	3,463	6,763		
District 4	0	333	348	6,667	1,852	9,200		
District 12	0	132	37	9,211	1,053	10,432		
District 14	0	19	6	10,875	1,250	12,150		

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 122,000 chum salmon. Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 671,000 chum salmon. Amalga Harbor THA harvest to date: 315,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA to date: 1,170 Chinook and 213,000 chum salmon.

Kelp Bay: no reported harvest.

District 3, Section 13-B, and Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

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