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# **Advisory Announcement**

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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., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

Section 1-F: will be open south and **east of a line from California Head at 55°19.57' N lat, 131°29.07' 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;

## Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.57′ N lat;

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., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the western tip of Grindall Point at 55°27.10′ 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: will be closed south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Chasina Island at 55°16.32′ N lat;

<u>Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light at 132°16.17′ W long, all other waters of Kasaan Bay will be open north of the latitude of Grindall Point.

#### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 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;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: 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.

Section 3-C: will be open west of the southernmost tip of Marble Island at 133°26.75′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light at 55°56.31′ N lat, 133°36.96′ W long to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 56°00.30′ N lat, 133°28.64′ W long;

Tokeen Bay: will be closed east of the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point at 133°28.64′ W long.

#### District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, and from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

Shakan Bay: will be open east of the longitude of Station Island Light at 133°37.55′ W long.

## District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

Section 6-E: will be open north and east of a line from Point Stanhope at 56°00.69′ N lat, 132°36.47′ W long to a point on Etolin Island at 55°58.80′ N lat, 132°27.78′ W long with the following restrictions:

Stikine Strait: all waters will be closed;

<u>Burnett Inlet:</u> will be closed north of the latitude and east of the longitude of the southernmost tip of Fawn Island at 56°03.12′ N lat, 132°29.91′ W long;

Mosman Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Marble Point 56°04.29' N lat;

McHenry Inlet: will be closed east of 132°27.87′ W long.

#### District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Thoms Point at 56°06.97′ N lat.

## District 11

The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:

Amalga Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at  $58^{\circ}30.65'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}49.30'$  W long, west to the northern tip of Gull Island at  $58^{\circ}30.35'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}52.14'$  W long, southeast to the southern tip of Bird Island at  $58^{\circ}29.32'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}51.01'$  W long, southeast to a point at  $58^{\circ}28.62'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}48.22'$  W long, northeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at  $58^{\circ}28.78'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}47.26'$  W long, north to a marker on the mainland shore at  $58^{\circ}28.99'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}47.41'$  W long, north to a point at  $58^{\circ}29.69'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}47.91'$  W long, and northeast to a marker on the mainland shore at  $58^{\circ}29.83'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}47.63'$  W long.

#### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 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);

Hidden Falls 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 west of a line from a point at  $57^{\circ}13.18'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}51.89'$  W long to a point at  $57^{\circ}12.99'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}51.96'$  W long to a point at  $57^{\circ}12.99'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}51.51'$  W long to a point at  $57^{\circ}12.65'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}51.51'$  W long.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

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

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.

### District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, July 29, 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., Thursday, July 27, and from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023:

Section 13-A: Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait 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 Lisianski Strait will be open north of 57°50.97′ N lat with the following restriction:

<u>Lisianski Inlet:</u> will be closed between 57°54.54′ N lat and 57°53.86′ N lat, and closed south of 57°52.26′ N lat.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Section 13-A: Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake, and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point at 57°30.15′ N lat, 136°01.33′ W long to Ninefoot Shoal Light at 57°34.83′ N lat, 136°05.81′ W long to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island at 57°38.40′ N lat, 136°10.89′ W long to the southernmost tip of Point Hogan at 57°41.38′ N lat, 136°15.81′ W long to the light located on the southernmost tip of Hill Island at 57°43.65′ N lat, 136°16.60′ W long to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°46.13′ N lat, 136°16.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

Slocum Arm: will be closed east of 135°55.18′ W long;

<u>Ford Arm</u>: will be closed northeast of a line from 57°34.74′ N lat, 135°57.08′ W long, to 57°34.38′ N lat, 135°56.48′ W long;

Klag Bay, Lake Anna, and Sisters Lake: will be closed north and east of a line from 57°36.93′ N lat, 136°06.42′ W long to 57°36.74′ N lat, 136°05.78′ W long;

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.32′ W long;

Goulding Harbor: will be closed east of 136°14.77′ W long.

#### District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 27, 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.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 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 west of a line from Neck Point at 58°07.07′ N lat, 135°19.23′ W long to Spasski Island Light at 58°07.97′ N lat, 135°16.30′ W long.

To date, only 188 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 900 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.

DIPAC has requested that fishermen awaiting the Amalga Harbor THA fishery be respectful of recreational users and residents in the Amalga Harbor area. Please do not leave skiffs unattended at the boat launch dock.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Saturday, July 29, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4423.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 30

## **Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 25, 2023**

## NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	8,300	2,000	530,000	97,000	637,300	61
District 2	0	3,300	1,700	125,000	123,000	253,000	30
District 4	0	20,300	11,000	715,000	66,000	812,300	32
District 12	0	3,000	800	160,000	23,000	186,800	15
District 14	0	1,600	500	210,000	14,000	226,100	20
Total	0	36,500	16,000	1,740,000	323,000	2,115,500	158

	FISH PER BOAT							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
District 1	0	136	33	8,689	1,590	10,448		
District 2	0	110	57	4,167	4,100	8,433		
District 4	0	634	344	22,344	2,063	25,384		
District 12	0	200	53	10,667	1,533	12,453		
District 14	0	80	25	10,500	700	11,305		

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 210,000 chum salmon. Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 732,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA to date: 1,200 Chinook and 269,000 chum salmon. District 3, Sections 13-A, 13-B, and Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

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