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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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 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 **and east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54°55.44' N lat, 130°58.66'** W long to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42' N lat, 131°03.59' W long to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55°07.91' N lat, 131°04.85' W long then due east to the mainland shore;

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;

<u>Thorne Arm</u>: 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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of Figgins Point at 55°33.14' N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Cleveland Peninsula</u>: will be closed within 3.0 nautical miles (nmi) of the mainland shoreline;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35' W long;

<u>Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Chasina Island at 55°16.32' N lat;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light at 132°16.17' W long.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of Mellen Rock Light at 55°01.60' 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;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of 132°35.00' W long;

Klakas Inlet: will be closed north of 54°57.16' N lat (the southernmost entrance to Max Cove);

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

Max Cove: will be closed east of 132°24.34' 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 **then south to a point on the Prince of Wales shore at 55°23.07'** N lat, 133°12.92' W long (approximately 0.3 nmi east of Tranquill Point) 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;

<u>Ulloa Channel</u>: will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Cangrejo located at $55^{\circ}20.79'$ N lat, $133^{\circ}21.42'$ W long, to the westernmost tip of Point Providence at $55^{\circ}21.52'$ N lat, $133^{\circ}16.15'$ 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:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: 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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 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., Monday, July 31, 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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde at 56°10.43' N lat.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

Section 9-B: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the Admiralty Island shoreline east of 134°29.03' W long with the following restriction:

<u>Eliza and Woewodski Harbors</u>: will be closed north of the latitude of Deepwater Point Light at 57°10.32' N lat, 134°14.16' W long.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2023:

District 10 mainland: will be open within 1.0 nmi of the mainland shoreline east of the longitude of Cape Fanshaw Light at 57°11.12' N lat, 133°34.43' W long and west of the longitude of Bay Point at 133°18.86' W long.

District 11

Section 11-A: will be closed.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

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

Point Augusta: will be open within 1.0 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 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 Hepburn at 57°55.70' N lat**;

Tenakee Inlet: will be open north and west of a line from 57°45.80′ N lat, 135°20.22′ W long to 57°48.05′ N lat, 135°17.65′ W long, with the following restrictions:

<u>Saltery Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from 57°47.36′ N lat, 135°22.40′ W long to 57°46.57′ N lat, 135°22.40′ W long (regulatory closure);

<u>Seal Bay</u>: will be closed south and west of a line from 57°50.17' N lat, 135°28.20' W long to 57°51.18' N lat, 135°30.90' W long;

Long Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from 57°51.85' N lat, 135°36.70' W long to 57°52.25' N lat, 135°36.70' W long;

<u>Little Goose</u>: will be closed south and west of a line from 57°56.25' N lat, 135°45.47' W long to 57°57.10' N lat, 135°48.30' W long;

<u>Tenakee Head</u>: will be closed west of the longitude of 135°50.57′ W long.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 31, 2023:

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

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 west of a line from $57^{\circ}13.18'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.89'$ W long to $57^{\circ}13.07'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}52.04'$ W long, and southwest of a line from $57^{\circ}12.99'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.96'$ W long to $57^{\circ}12.90'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.51'$ W long to $57^{\circ}12.65'$ N lat, $134^{\circ}51.51'$ W long.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 30, through 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 3, 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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

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:

Lisianski Inlet: will be closed between 57°54.54' N lat and 57°53.86' N lat, and closed south of 57°52.26' N lat.

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°50.51' W long;

Ford Arm: 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: will be closed north of the latitude of Rose Point at 57°37.60' N lat;

<u>Sisters Lake Head and Rust Creek</u>: will be closed east of a line from 57°38.00' N lat, 136°00.84' W long to 57°37.59' N lat, 136°00.80' 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., Monday, July 31, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023:

Section 14-A: will be open in the following areas:

Idaho Inlet: will be open south of a line from 58°12.51' N lat, 136°09.78' W long to 58°12.46' N lat, 136°16.39' W long, and north of a line from 58°08.30' N lat, 136°10.17' W long to 58°08.30' N lat, 136°11.93' W long;

Port Althorp: will be open south of a line from Point Lucan at $58^{\circ}08.92'$ N lat, $136^{\circ}22.01'$ W long to $58^{\circ}09.70'$ N lat, $136^{\circ}19.68'$ W long, and west of a line from $58^{\circ}09.14'$ N lat, $136^{\circ}18.00'$ W long to $58^{\circ}06.95'$ N lat, $136^{\circ}18.00'$ W long.

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 245 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 560 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000

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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 through August 3.

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 Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5023.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Midweek 30 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 29, 2023										
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Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats			
District 1	0	18,000	3,800	1,270,000	117,000	1,408,800	45			
District 2	0	8,300	3,500	1,100,000	117,000	1,228,800	40			
District 3	0	100	400	30,000	17,600	48,100	5			
District 4	0	41,000	8,300	1,600,000	76,000	1,725,300	37			
District 12	0	6,000	1,000	300,000	20,000	327,000	19			
District 14	0	1,500	1,000	350,000	14,000	366,500	12			
Total	0	74,900	18,000	4,650,000	361,600	5,104,500	158			
			FISH I	PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	_			
District 1	0	400	84	28,222	2,600	31,307				
District 2	0	208	88	27,500	2,925	30,720				
District 3	0	20	80	6,000	3,520	9,620				
District 4	0	1,108	224	43,243	2,054	46,630				
District 12	0	316	53	15,789	1,053	17,211				
District 14	0	125	83	29,167	1,167	30,542				

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 225,000 chum salmon.

Amalga Harbor THA harvest to date: 380,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 755,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,260 Chinook and 291,000 chum salmon.

Districts 5, 6, 7, Sections 13-A, 13-B, and Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

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