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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., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 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:

Boca de Quadra: 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;

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., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of Windfall Harbor at 55°36.02′ N lat with the following restrictions:

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

<u>Moira Sound</u>: 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 a line from a point approximately 1.3 nmi northeast of Hump Island at 55°14.30′ N lat, 132°04.68′ W long to the westernmost tip of Hump Island at 55°13.61′ N lat, 132°07.33′ W long to approximately 1.0 nmi west of the northernmost tip of Babe Island at 55°13.05′ N lat, 132°09.63′ W long and west of 132°10.00′ W long;

<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.

#### District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 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;

<u>Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay</u>: will be closed east of the longitude of 132°35.00′ W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet</u>: 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 the southernmost tip of Bay Point at 55°42.44′ N lat, 133°29.53′ W long to the northernmost tip of St. Philip Island at 55°39.31′ N lat, 133°25.15′ W long to the northernmost tip of Blanquizal Point at 55°37.36′ N lat, 133°23.86′ W long to the southernmost tip of Blanquizal Point at 55°37.06′ N lat, 133°23.31′ W long to Point Santa Rosalia at 55°34.19′ N lat, 133°24.81′ 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;

Ulloa Channel: will be closed south of 55°19.15' N lat and north of Point San Antonio at 55°17.40' N lat.

Section 3-C: **will be open** 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;

<u>Tokeen Bay</u>: 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., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

District 5: will be open south and west of a line from Boulder Point at 56°19.12′ N lat, 133°50.17′ W long to the westernmost Barrier Island at 56°12.76′ N lat, 133°40.72′ W long then due east to Prince of Wales Island.

# District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 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°27.78′ W long.

## District 7

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

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

Section 7-B: will be open north and east of a line from a point on the southern shore of Etolin Island located at 55°55.27′ N lat, 132°14.98′ W long to Union Point at 55°48.18′ N lat, 132°11.13′ W long.

#### District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

Section 9-B: **will be open** with the following restrictions:

<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;

<u>Keku Strait and Port Camden</u>: will be closed south and east of a line from Cornwallis Point Light at 56°55.92′ N lat, 134°16.41′ W long to Point Macartney Light at 57°01.49′ N lat, 134°03.52′ W long;

Rowan Bay: will be closed east of a line from  $56^{\circ}39.47'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}17.26'$  W long to  $56^{\circ}39.10'$  N lat,  $134^{\circ}16.63'$  W long;

<u>Bay of Pillars</u>: will be closed east of a line from Point Ellis at 56°33.24′ N lat, 134°19.12′ W long to Point Ellis Light at 56°34.00′ N lat, 134°19.99′ W long to a point between Rowan Bay and Bay of Pillars at 56°37.42′ N lat, 134°16.62′ W long;

<u>Gedney Harbor</u>: will be closed east of a line from Swaine Point at 56°25.61′ N lat, 134°14.84′ W long to Point Cosmos at 56°21.18′ N lat, 134°17.54′ W long.

# District 10

District 10: will be closed.

#### District 12

Section 12-A: Tenakee Inlet will be closed.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2023:

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

Point Augusta: will be open within **2.0** nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline 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 2.0 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 Parker Point at 57°36.73′ N lat, and south of the latitude of Point Samuel at 57°28.45′ N lat (Hood Bay, Chaik Bay, Whitewater Bay, and Wilson Cove to normal markers);

Catherine Island and Baranof Island shorelines: will be open within 2.0 nmi of the Catherine Island and Baranof Island shorelines, including the waters of Kelp Bay, north of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat and south of the latitude of Point Thatcher at 57°24.97′ N lat with the following restriction:

<u>Catherine Island</u>: waters of an unnamed cove will be closed northwest of a line from 57°20.15′ N lat, 134°48.70′ W long to a point at 57°20.29′ N lat, 134°48.43′ W long.

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°13.18′ N lat, 134°51.89′ W long to 57°13.07′ N lat, 134°52.04′ W long, and southwest of a line from 57°12.99′ N lat, 134°51.96′ W long to 57°12.90′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long to 57°12.65′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long.

# District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Monday, August 7, 2023:

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

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 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  $58^{\circ}06.33'$  N lat,  $136^{\circ}29.86'$  W long to the westernmost tip of Column Point at  $58^{\circ}07.21'$  N lat,  $136^{\circ}26.88'$  W long, and Lisianski Strait will be open north of  $57^{\circ}50.97'$  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.

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;

<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: 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.

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point at  $135^{\circ}48.07'$  W long, north of  $57^{\circ}19.56'$  N lat, and south of  $57^{\circ}24.71'$  N lat.

Section 13-B: Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.52′ N lat, 135°34.25′ W long to Makhnati Rock Light at 57°02.16′ N lat, 135°23.79′ W long to Surf Rock Light at 57°01.92′ N lat, 135°22.59′ W long to Simpson Rock Light at 57°01.15′ N lat, 135°20.75′ W long to Tsaritsa Rock Light at 57°01.24′ N lat, 135°19.48′ W long to Silver Point at 57°00.80′ N lat, 135°18.09′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Silver Bay</u>: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.96′ N lat, 135°15.01′ W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.59′ N lat, 135°14.59′ W long;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.87' W long;

<u>Crescent Bay</u>: will be closed in waters enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge at 57°02.88' N lat, 135°20.35' W long to The Twins Light at 57°02.06' N lat, 135°18.80' W long to the westernmost tip of Cannon Island at 57°02.60' N lat, 135°18.16' W long;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.01′ N lat, and south of the latitude of Creek Point at 57°12.94′ N lat;

<u>Katlian Bay</u>: will be closed northeast of a line from 57°10.25′ N lat, 135°20.86′ W long to 57°09.74′ N lat, 135°20.10′ W long;

Mosquito Cove: will be closed east of 135°22.50′ W long.

#### District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Friday, August 4, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 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 **2.0** nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

To date, only 259 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 485 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>: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **MAY be retained and sold**. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

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 Sunday, August 6, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5423.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 31

# **Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 2, 2023**

# NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	12,000	2,200	900,000	65,000	979,200	32
District 2	0	9,000	6,300	1,100,000	75,000	1,190,300	32
District 3	0	600	500	60,000	15,000	76,100	5
District 4	0	25,000	10,000	1,850,000	85,000	1,970,000	50
D-5, 6, 7, 9, 10	0	1,700	600	516,000	83,000	601,300	34
D-12, 13, 14	0	5,000	1,000	800,000	20,000	826,000	25
Total	0	53,300	20,600	5,226,000	343,000	5,642,900	178

	-	FISH PER BOAT					
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	375	69	28,125	2,031	30,600	
District 2	0	281	197	34,375	2,344	37,197	
District 3	0	120	100	12,000	3,000	15,220	
District 4	0	500	200	37,000	1,700	39,400	
D-5, 6, 7, 9, 10	0	50	18	15,176	2,441	17,685	
D-12, 13, 14	0	200	40	32,000	800	33,040	

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 250,000 chum salmon. Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 833,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,280 Chinook and 306,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

Individual districts in Districts 5-14 are confidential either due to less than 3 boats fishing or less than 3 processors buying fish in individual districts. Therefore, districts are being combined in order to present harvests and effort from these larger areas.

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