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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### District 1

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Section 1-C: will be open south of a line from Fox Point at 55°15.60′ N lat, 131°03.88′ W long to a point south of Roe Point at 55°14.50′ N lat, 131°00.56′ W long.

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 the southernmost tip of Gravina Point at 55°17.12′ N lat, 131°37.19′ W long to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°20.87′ N lat, 131°51.94′ W long (located on the westernmost tip of an unnamed island immediately south of Grant Cove) 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;

<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., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of Windfall Harbor at 55°36.02′ 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 Black Point at 132°05.39' 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.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:

<u>Cleveland Peninsula</u>: will be closed within **1.0 nmi of the mainland shore south of Niblack Point at 55°33.00′ N lat;** 

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of Black Point at 132°05.39' 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;

<u>Thorne Bay and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed west of a line from Tolstoi Point at 55°40.22′ N lat, 132°23.55′ W long to the Prince of Wales shoreline at 55°42.33′ N lat, 132°26.74′ W long.

## District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Section 3-A: will be open 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;

Hetta Inlet, Sukkwan Strait, and contiguous waters: will be closed north of the latitude of the **northernmost tip** of Round Point at 55°07.63′ N lat;

Klakas Inlet: normal markers;

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

Nutkwa Inlet: normal markers;

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;

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., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

#### District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 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 areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Section 6-C: will be open;

Section 6-D: will be open;

Section 6-E: will be open with the following restrictions:

<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 area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Section 7-B: will be open.

#### District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

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

Eliza Harbor: will be closed north of 57°12.53′ N lat;

<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°39.47′ N lat, 134°17.26′ W long to 56°39.10′ N lat, 134°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;

Gedney Harbor: 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

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

<u>Frederick Sound</u>: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light at 57°11.12′ N lat, 133°34.43′ W long to Pinta Point at 57°05.96′ N lat, 133°52.82′ W long;

<u>Pybus Bay</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Pybus at 57°18.29′ N lat, 133°58.74′ W long to the southern entrance of Cannery Cove at 57°18.34′ N lat, 134°07.88′ W long;

<u>Gambier Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line extending from the Admiralty Island shoreline at 57°24.89′ N lat, 133°53.31′ W long to Point Gambier Light at 57°26.13′ N lat, 133°50.44′ W long to a second point on the Admiralty Island shoreline at 57°27.80′ N lat, 133°51.50′ W long;

Windham Bay: normal markers;

Port Houghton: will be closed east of 133°20.45' W long.

#### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, through 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 2023:

Section 12-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Couverden at 58°11.39′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within 2.0 nmi of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Parker Point at 57°36.73′ N lat and north of the latitude of Point Samuel at 57°28.45′ N lat;

<u>Tenakee Inlet</u>: will be closed west of a line from East Point at 57°48.33′ N lat, 134°56.92′ W long to South Passage Point at 57°45.85′ N lat, 134°56.32′ W long;

<u>Chichagof Island shoreline</u>: will be closed within 2.0 nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline south of the latitude of 57°41.65′ N lat and north of the latitude of 57°37.91′ N lat;

<u>Baranof Island shoreline</u>: will be closed within 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat (not including the waters of the Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area [THA]);

<u>Catherine Island unnamed salmon stream</u>: waters of an unnamed salmon stream located at 57°20.30′ N lat, 134°48.61′ W long will be closed to within 100 yards of freshwater (stream channels remain closed at any stage of the tide).

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 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., Saturday, August 12, through 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 15, 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., Saturday, August 12, through 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 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:

<u>Lisianski Inlet</u>: will be closed between 57°54.54′ N lat and 57°54.00′ N lat (near Phonograph Creek), between 136°06.31′ W long and 136°05.67′ W long (near Steelhead Creek) and east of 136°03.09′ W long.

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°56.17′ W long;

Ford Arm: normal markers;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of the latitude of Rose Point at 57°37.60′ N lat;

Sisters Lake Head and Rust Creek: 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°07.90′ W long;

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

Salisbury Sound, Peril Strait, and Neva Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point at 135°48.07′ W long, north of 57°17.51′ N lat, and south of 57°30.50′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Sukoi Inlet</u>: will be closed south of a line from Sukoi Point at 57°19.32′ N lat, 135°41.90′ W long to Hayward Point at 57°19.32′ N lat, 135°41.16′ W long;

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of 135°36.14′ W long.

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;

Katlian Bay: will be closed east of 135°18.22′ W long;

Mosquito Cove unnamed salmon stream: waters of an unnamed salmon stream located at 57°08.54′ N lat, 135°22.33′ W long will be closed to within 100 yards of freshwater (stream channels remain closed at any stage of the tide).

Section 13-C: will be open east of 135°03.73′ W long with the following restriction:

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north and west of line from Point Craven at 57°27.95′ N lat, 134°52.18′ W long to Point Hayes at 57°28.83′ N lat, 134°50.33′ W long.

#### District 14

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, through 8:00 p.m., Sunday, August 13, 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 337 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 533 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 Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, 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.

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 Monday, August 14, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6323.

## Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 32

#### **Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 10, 2023**

# NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	14,000	6,000	1,420,000	67,000	1,507,000	43
District 2	0	6,000	4,800	1,500,000	45,000	1,555,800	42
District 3	0	2,000	4,500	700,000	22,000	728,500	18
District 4	0	8,000	5,500	600,000	22,000	635,500	18
District 6	0	2,400	500	130,000	10,000	142,900	9
District 7	0	3,600	800	380,000	20,000	404,400	12
Districts 9	0	400	800	360,000	4,000	365,200	12
Districts 12/14	0	4,000	2,000	900,000	10,000	916,000	22
Total	0	40,400	24,900	5,990,000	200,000	6,255,300	176

	FISH PER BOAT					
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	326	140	33,023	1,558	35,047
District 2	0	143	114	35,714	1,071	37,043
District 3	0	111	250	38,889	1,222	40,472
District 4	0	444	306	33,333	1,222	35,306
District 6	0	267	56	14,444	1,111	15,878
District 7	0	300	67	31,667	1,667	33,700
District 9	0	33	67	30,000	333	30,433
Districts 12/14	0	182	91	40,909	455	41,636

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 254,000 chum salmon. Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 845,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,280 Chinook and 322,000 chum salmon.

District 5: no effort.

Districts 10 and 13: confidential.

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