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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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:

<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 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

District 2: will be open with the following restrictions:

<u>Cleveland Peninsula</u>: will be closed within 1.0 nautical mile (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;

Thorne Bay and contiguous waters: 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 **6:00 a.m.**, **Wednesday**, **August 16**, **to 9:00 p.m.**, **Thursday**, **August 17**, **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;

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

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

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;

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 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

District 4: will be open.

District 5

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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 with the following restriction:

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

District 6

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

Section 7-B: will be open.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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;

Bay of Pillars: 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 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

District 10: will be open within 3.0 nmi of the Admiralty Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Pybus Bay: normal markers;

Gambier Bay: normal markers.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

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

<u>Admiralty Island shoreline</u>: 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:

Hood Bay North Arm: will be closed east of the longitude of 134°21.22′ W long;

<u>Hood Bay South Arm</u>: will be closed east of the longitude of 134°20.10′ W long;

Chaik Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of 134°28.32′ W long;

Whitewater Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of 134°32.62′ W long;

Wilson Cove: will be closed east of the longitude of 134°37.52′ W long;

<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;

Baranof Island shoreline: will be closed within 2.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline south of 57°06.76′ N lat;

Kasnyku Bay: 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;

<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).

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, August 19, 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 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 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°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.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023:

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

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;

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°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 Sentinel Rock at 57°02.83′ N lat, 135°24.62′ W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°04.09′ N lat, 135°22.08′ W long with the following restrictions:

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:

<u>Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay</u>: 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 area will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 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°08.92′ N lat, 136°22.01′ W long to 58°09.70′ N lat, 136°19.68′ W long, and west of a line from 58°09.14′ N lat, 136°18.00′ W long to 58°06.95′ N lat, 136°18.00′ W long.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 16, to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 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 2.0 nmi of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

To date, 700 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of approximately 950 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 Terminal Harvest Area 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 Friday, August 18, 2023.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6423.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Midweek 32

Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 14, 2023

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	18,500	6,800	1,400,000	71,000	1,496,300	63
District 2	0	7,800	2,600	900,000	48,000	958,400	28
District 3	0	2,000	6,000	650,000	24,000	682,000	28
District 4	0	3,500	3,200	220,000	7,500	234,200	10
District 6	0	2,600	700	185,000	20,000	208,300	16
District 7	0	4,000	1,000	240,000	40,000	285,000	9
Districts 12/14	0	3,000	7,000	700,000	15,000	725,000	20
Total	0	41,400	27,300	4,295,000	225,500	4,589,200	174

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	294	108	22,222	1,127	23,751	
District 2	0	279	93	32,143	1,714	34,229	
District 3	0	71	214	23,214	857	24,357	
District 4	0	350	320	22,000	750	23,420	
District 6	0	163	44	11,563	1,250	13,019	
District 7	0	444	111	26,667	4,444	31,667	
Districts 12/14	0	150	350	35,000	750	36,250	

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 856,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,290 Chinook and 361,000 chum salmon.

Districts 5, 9, 10 and 13: confidential.

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