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DISTRICTS 6 AND 8 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

District 6: will be extended for 48 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 25, 2023, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will close at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

District 8: will be extended for 48 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 25, 2023, with the following restrictions:

<u>Frederick Sound</u>: will be closed south and west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.27' N lat, 132°58.96' W long to Sukoi Islets Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long to Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long;

Stikine River: will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point at 56°29.08' N lat, 132°17.37' W long to Hour Point at 56°27.73' N lat, 132°16.79' W long, north and east of a line from Point Highfield at 56°29.34' N lat, 132°23.36' W long to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56°29.83' N lat, 132°29.19' W long to the southern end of Greys Island at 56°30.67' N lat, 132°33.05' W long to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to the nearest point on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long, and south and east of a line from the prominent point on Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56°40.77' N lat, 132°39.28' W long to the western end of Coney Island at 56°41.62' N lat, 132°38.92' W long to a point 800 yards north of Japanese Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.62' N lat, 132°37.11' W long.

Section 6-D is closed after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September except as provided in the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.359). This regulation closes Section 6-D to the drift gillnet fishery when the purse seine fishery is opened in that area. The purse seine fishery will be open in Section 6-D from 6:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, to 9:00 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023, therefore the drift gillnet fishery will close during the weekly open drift gillnet fishery at 11:59 p.m. the day before the purse seine fishery opening.

All other times and areas announced in the drift gillnet fishery advisory announcements released Thursday, August 17, and Friday, August 18, 2023, remain unchanged.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7023.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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