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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Friday, September 1, 2023, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.03′ N lat.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 2023, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 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 Island 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 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 2023, with the following restrictions:

<u>Limestone Inlet</u>: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.04′ N lat, 133°59.60′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.75′ N lat, 133°59.40′ W long (outside markers);

<u>Port Snettisham</u>: will be closed east of a line from Sharp Point at 58°00.66' N lat, 133°47.15' W long to Sentinel Point at 57°59.74' N lat, 133°45.62' W long.

Section 11-C: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open in those waters of Chilkoot Inlet north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05′ N lat, from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Friday, September 1, 2023, with the following restriction:

<u>Lutak Inlet</u>: will be closed north of a line from White Rock at 59°18.05′ N lat, 135°31.33′ W long to a point at 59°18.73′ N lat, 135°30.16′ W long.

Section 15-A: will be open south of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05′ N lat, from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 2023, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.03' N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 27, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor THA waters west of 135°09.57′ W long will close with the remainder of Section 15-C at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive at least three days of fishing time during statistical week 35. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given five days of fishing time.

Section 6-D is closed after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September except as provided in the Section 6D Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.359). This regulation opens Section 6-D to the drift gillnet fishery when the purse seine fishery is opened in that area. If Section 6-D opens under these conditions, a separate advisory announcement may be issued and notice will likely be very short.

Fishermen 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 Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S7323.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 34 (August 20 through August 26) Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 24, 2023

NUMBER OF SALMON									
								Days	
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open	
District 1	0	40	200	700	3,000	3,940	5	5	
District 6	0	900	3,000	4,000	6,000	13,900	22	5	
District 8	20	50	500	200	4,200	4,970	20	5	
District 11	15	1,500	3,500	1,000	2,500	8,515	15	4	
District 15	0	6,500	800	4,000	7,000	18,300	52	5	
Total	35	8,990	8,000	9,900	22,700	49,625			

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	8	40	140	600	788
District 6	0	41	136	182	273	632
District 8	1	3	25	10	210	249
District 11	1	100	233	67	167	568
District 15	0	125	15	77	135	352

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 306,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,430 Chinook and 264,000 chum salmon.

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