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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 28, 2023, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lost River</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38' N lat, 139°36.55' W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82' N lat, 139°37.46' W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);

<u>Situk River mouth (including upstream Johnson Slough marker)</u>: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the eastern bank of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73' N lat, 139°33.25', to a buoyed regulation marker located at 59°26.33' N lat, 139°34.15' W long, to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.69' N lat, 139°34.55' W long on Sunny Point;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial fishery for Chinook salmon is closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale or to the Yakutat ADF&G office for distribution to those in need in the community.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Yakutat Bay: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 28, 2023.

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Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 28, 2023.

Dual Permits: The operation of dual permits is allowed in the Situk-Ahrnklin and the marine waters of Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape and in the Kaliakh River. Fishermen are reminded that prior to using two nets they must register with the Yakutat Fish and Game office and notify the Fish and Game office when no longer using two nets.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2323.

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