



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southeast Alaska salmon drift gillnet fishery will be closed for the remainder of the 2023 season.

District 6: **will be closed.**

District 8: **will be closed.**

Section 11-B: **will be closed.**

Section 15-A: **will be closed.**

Section 15-C: **will be closed.**

Combined reported harvest for all districts is confidential.

2023 Drift Gillnet Fishery Summary

Traditional common property drift gillnet openings began June 18 and concluded October 12, 2023. Traditional drift gillnet harvests of all species, except chum salmon, were below recent 10-year (2013–2022) averages. Drift gillnet effort decreased by over 20 permits from 2022 with 341 permits making landings and was well below the recent 10-year average of 391 permits (Table 1).

Table 1. 2023 Southeast Alaska traditional drift gillnet harvest and effort estimates (data as of 10/12/23).

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Boats
101	940	23,300	21,700	157,000	418,000	60
106	740	42,300	41,800	126,000	179,000	99
108	700	5,900	21,000	29,200	106,000	73
111	690	79,700	20,500	130,000	623,000	127
115	320	153,000	24,200	109,000	695,000	168
Total	3,390	304,200	129,200	551,200	2,021,000	341
13–22 Avg	10,919	328,278	240,540	883,173	1,663,398	391

The estimated common property drift gillnet terminal harvest area (THA) harvest is 1.47 million chum salmon, well above the recent average harvest (Table 2).

Table 2. 2023 Southeast Alaska drift gillnet common property THA harvest estimates (data as of 10/12/23).

THA	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Nakat Inlet	100	1,700	5,400	23,600	352,000
Carroll Inlet	2,800	1	0	7	7
Neets Bay	3,000	3	0	50	280
Anita Bay	5,300	50	11,000	240	17,700
Deep Inlet	1,500	3,100	1,500	27,600	401,000
Boat Harbor	25	7,200	90	35,000	696,000
Total	12,725	12,054	17,990	86,497	1,466,987
13–22 Avg	11,533	33,638	17,069	103,268	865,518

Except for Chinook salmon, run strengths of other salmon species were generally good to excellent. Chinook salmon production remains poor and escapement goals will likely only be achieved in six of the eleven index systems (Alsek, Chilkat, Unuk, Chickamin, Blossum, and Keta Rivers). Sockeye salmon runs were generally good throughout the region. Sockeye salmon escapement goals were achieved for the Chilkat, Chilkoot, Taku, Tahltan (Stikine) Rivers, and McDonald Lake, but were not made for Hugh Smith Lake, and are still pending for the Stikine River mainstem component. Coho salmon escapements are still being evaluated but are generally looking good throughout the region. Wild chum salmon runs, like hatchery runs, were very good in most areas. The pink salmon run was excellent with an all-gear harvest of around 48 million fish. Pink salmon escapement was uniformly good to excellent throughout the region with 44 of the 46 pink salmon stock groups meeting or exceeding management target ranges.

Detailed summaries of harvest and escapement for each district and THA will be given at this year's Drift Gillnet Task Force meeting on November 28 in Wrangell and will be included in the *Annual management report of the 2023 Southeast Alaska commercial purse seine and drift gillnet fisheries*.

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