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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2025:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, north of 57°06.76′ N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28′ N lat, 134°49.94′ W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76′ N lat, 134°45.37′ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Kasnyku Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from 57°13.18′ N lat, 134°51.89′ W long to 57°13.07′ N lat, 134°52.04′ W long, and southwest of a line from 57°12.99′ N lat, 134°51.96′ W long to 57°12.90′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long to 57°12.65′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long.

The Hidden Falls Hatchery, operated by the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), expects a run of 2,666,000 chum salmon. NSRAA needs 240,000 chum salmon for broodstock. NSRAA does not intend to implement a tax assessment on any potential common property harvest of chum salmon to satisfy cost recovery needs as provided under AS 16.10.455. The Hidden Falls THA will close on Monday, July 7 to allow for cost recovery harvest operations; depending on the progress of the cost recovery fishery, portions of the Hidden Falls THA may reopen to common property harvest later in the season. The contraction of the offshore boundary of the Hidden Falls THA to within approximately 1.0 nmi off the Baranof Island shoreline is for conservation of Chinook and pink salmon.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Carroll Inlet, Anita Bay, Southeast Cove, and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA 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. These restrictions may be in effect until at least the third week of July.

In areas 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 **ADF&G** interactive map where districts, sections, closed waters as well as other features used in the management of commercial salmon fisheries can be viewed, has been updated with recent changes from the Alaska Board of Fisheries and descriptions of THAs have been added. This map is available on the ADF&G website at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#maps. Geographic information system data used to make the map is also available for download at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

2025 management plans and action plans are posted online at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#management

State offices will be closed Thursday, June 19, 2025, for the Juneteenth holiday.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, June 20, 2025.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1225.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 25 Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 17, 2025

	NUMBEI	RS OF SA	LMON			
Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats

	FISH PER BOAT					
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Pt. Augusta	*	*	*	*	*	*

^{*}Harvest is confidential.

Area

Pt. Augusta

The Point Augusta Index Fishery average harvest per boat of both pink and chum salmon were below recent 10-year averages (2015–2024).

Hidden Falls, Deep Inlet, Southeast Cove, Anita Bay, Carroll Inlet THAs: confidential.

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 300.000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA: no reported harvest.

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