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## Advisory Announcement

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### YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 22, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 24, 2025, with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Chinook salmon retention: the department is requesting that any live Chinook salmon be released.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 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);

Situk River mouth (including all waters of Johnson Slough): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough at 59°26.27′ N lat, 139°32.62′ W long to a regulation marker directly across the inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long, north of a line from the regulation marker at 59°25.77′ N lat, 139°33.18′ W long to a regulation marker northwest on Black Sand Spit at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long, and south of the regulation marker at 59°26.52′ N lat, 139°35.07′ W long to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station at 59°26.73′ N lat, 139°34.64′ W long;

<u>Chinook salmon retention</u>: the Situk River commercial set gillnet fishery is closed to the retention of Chinook salmon. Chinook salmon of any size may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed immediately and recorded on a fish ticket at the time of landing. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used. Retained Chinook can either 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.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

# <u>Remainder of the Yakutat District</u>: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 22, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

The Situk River Chinook salmon run would not be expected to meet the escapement threshold of 750 fish that would allow for the use of duel permits in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape if additional harvest were to be allowed. Therefore, the use of dual permits will not be allowed until inseason projections of escapement are at or above the 750 fish escapement threshold. The subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries remain closed to the retention of Chinook salmon in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet until further notice.

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

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0525.

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

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