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2025 HAWK INLET SALMON PURSE SEINE TEST FISHERY UPDATE # 1

The department has been utilizing the Hawk Inlet test fishery annually since 1992. The primary goals of the test fishery are to evaluate run strength and timing of northern inside migrating pink salmon returning to Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage and to analyze the stock composition of sockeye and chum salmon.

The department solicits bids to charter a commercial salmon purse seine fishing vessel to conduct test fishing along the Hawk Inlet shoreline generally starting on the fourth Friday in June and occurring once a week for four consecutive weeks into mid-July. Each fishing day will include a minimum of 4 sets which are made at predetermined locations between Hawk Inlet and Point Retreat.

The F/V *Osprey* was awarded the test fish contract this season and conducted the first of the 2025 Hawk Inlet shoreline test fisheries on Friday, June 27. A total comparison of harvest to the recent 10-year average is not available as only 2 of the 4 sets were able to be completed. In comparing the harvest of those two sets to the recent 10-year average of those same sets, sockeye salmon harvest was 96% of average, chum salmon harvest was 22% of average, and pink salmon harvest was 27% of average. The pink salmon harvest numbers were not substantial enough for a pink salmon sex ratio. Sockeye and chum salmon otoliths will be analyzed for stock composition and proportion of wild and hatchery origin fish. This information is useful for managing potential common property purse seine fisheries along this shoreline and for other fisheries currently underway in northern Chatham Strait, Lynn Canal, and Stephens Passage.

The next test fishery is scheduled to be conducted on July 4, and results will be announced by July 5.

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