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# **Advisory Announcement:**

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# Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #16

For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-14-25

Commercial salmon fishing by **purse seine and set gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District, Southwestern District, South Central District, and

Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, Northwest Stepovak, East Stepovak Sections, and Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District.

A reminder that in Stepovak Bay from July 29 through September 30, waters north of a line extending east from Dent Point at 55° 47.25′ N. lat., 159° 52.00′ W. long. to a point on the Kupreanof Peninsula at 55° 46.93′ N. lat., 159° 38.70′ W. long. are closed by regulation.

Commercial salmon fishing by **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District and Ikatan Bay Section of the Southwestern District

#### As previously Announced:

In accordance with 5 AAC 39.265 all salmon, including Chinook (king) of all sizes, must be retained by purse seine gear in the Unimak District, Southwestern District, South Central District, and Southeastern District until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2025.

The Department will monitor the harvest of Chinook salmon in the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District. If more than 1,000 Chinook salmon are harvested within the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District during a regulatory fishing period in July, then the next scheduled fishing period in **stat area 282-11** (Unga Cape-East Popof (Delarof Harbor), Popof Head, Red Bluff, Elephant Head (Dark Cliffs), Fox Hole, Pirate Cove, Dangerous Point, East Head, Andronica Island, and Salmon Ranch) **Will Not Open** to commercial salmon fishing by **purse seine gear only.** 

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

A copy of the South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy, 2025 can be found at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2025.01.pdf">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2025.01.pdf</a>. Hard copies of the management strategy can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller.

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).