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# **Advisory Announcement**

For Immediate Release: July 31, 2025

#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 7, 2025, in those waters south of 54°54.50′ N lat (approximately 1.0 nautical mile [nmi] south of Foggy Point), with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.03′ N lat.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from a point 1.0 nmi off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.27′ N lat, 132°58.96′ W long to Sukoi Islets Light at 56°53.73′ N lat, 132°56.64′ W long to Frederick Point at c long, and east of a line from the prominent point on Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island at 56°40.77′ N lat, 132°39.28′ W long to the western end of Coney Island at 56°41.62′ N lat, 132°38.92′ W long to a point 800 yards north of Japanese Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.62′ N lat, 132°37.11′ W long:

Section 8-B: will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point at 56°29.08′ N lat, 132°17.37′ W long to Hour Point at 56°27.73′ N lat, 132°16.79′ W long, north and east of a line from Point Highfield at 56°29.34′ N lat, 132°23.36′ W long to the southern end of Liesnoi Island at 56°29.83′ N lat, 132°29.19′ W long to the southern end of Greys Island at 56°30.67′ N lat, 132°33.05′ W long to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83′ N lat, 132°40.17′ W long to the nearest point on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88′ N lat, 132°40.66′ W long;

Kunk Creek: will be closed to normal markers.

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 8, 2025, with the following restrictions:

<u>Limestone Inlet</u>: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.04′ N lat, 133°59.60′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.75′ N lat, 133°59.40′ W long (outside markers) from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 5**, and will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09′ N lat, 133°58.87′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92′ N lat, 133°58.87′ W long (inside markers) from **12:01 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 8**;

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57°58.42′ N lat, 133°53.93′ W long to Point Anmer at 57°56.09′ N lat, 133°51.01′ W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: the minimum allowed mesh size is 6 inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76′ N lat from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 8.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lynn Canal, Lutak, and Chilkoot Inlets</u>: will be closed east and north of a line beginning at a point within 2.0 nmi of the western shoreline at 58°51.00′ N lat, 135°14.59′ W long to Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25′ N lat, 135°13.26′ W long to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59°04.83′ N lat, 135°16.76′ W long to Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93′ N lat, 135°18.48′ W long;

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.03' N lat;

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

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, with the following restriction:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73′ N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 3, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the waters of the Boat Harbor THA within 2.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95′ N lat and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96′ N lat, with the following restriction:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93′ N lat.

Section 15-C: the Boat Harbor THA will remain open until further notice in the waters of Boat Harbor west of 135°09.57′ W long, with no restrictions.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive 2 days of fishing time during statistical week 32. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given 4 days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than 2 days during statistical week 32, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

Section 6-D is closed after the first Saturday in August and before the first Sunday in September except as provided in the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.359). This regulation opens Section 6-D to the drift gillnet fishery when the purse seine fishery is opened in that area. A separate advisory announcement will be issued in the event that 6-D is opened, and notice will likely be short.

To date, 2,411 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 6,600 sockeye salmon, below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement and may continue to take management action through statistical week 33.

<u>Deep Inlet THA</u>: From August 3 through August 9, the drift gillnet fishery will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. For additional details regarding the Deep Inlet THA common property fisheries, please refer to the advisory announcement issued on April 15, 2025.

Fishermen 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 next gillnet announcement will be issued on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4825.

## Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 31 (July 27 through August 2) Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 31, 2025

#### NUMBER OF SALMON Days District Chinook Sockeye Coho Pink Chum Total **Boats** Open District 1 10 1,600 200 7,000 17,000 25,810 26 4 700 2 District 6 10 300 4,000 4,000 9,010 15 District 8\* 50 25 400 100 1,200 9,000 10,750 3 District 11 200 23,000 1,700 14,500 125,000 164,400 75 5 District 15 70 10,000 7,000 96 2 60 81,000 98,130 Total 340 35,700 2,360 33,700 236,000 308,100

#### FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	62	8	269	654	993	
District 6	1	47	20	267	267	601	
District 8	2	16	4	48	360	430	
District 11	3	307	23	193	1,667	2,192	
District 15	1	104	1	73	844	1,022	

<sup>\*</sup> District 8 harvest is for 2 days.

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 250,000 chum salmon. Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 30,000 chum salmon.

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