



**Advisory Announcement**  
***For Immediate Release: July 23, 2026***

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**SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, 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, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys at 56°20.18' N lat, 133°11.90' W long to Rookery Island Light at 56°18.86' N lat, 133°06.34' W long to the westernmost tip of Fire Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°03.59' W long to a point on Prince of Wales Island at 56°14.04' N lat, 133°04.43' W long.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from a point 1.0 nautical miles (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 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long; **and south and east of a line from a point 1.3 nmi north of Bear Creek at 56°42.92' N lat, 132°44.52' 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 east and north of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to Two Tree Island Light at 56°29.65' N lat, 132°38.06' W long to Vank Island Light at 56°26.92' N lat, 132°36.00' W long to Point Ancon Light at 56°24.30' N lat, 132°33.32' W long **to East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°24.20' W long to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°21.25' W long;**

Kunk Creek: will be closed west of a line from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N lat, 132°22.98' W long to a point on the District 8 boundary line at 56°17.00' N lat, 132°22.98' W long.

**There will be no mesh restriction in District 8.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 30, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

Limestone Inlet: 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, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28**, 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, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 30;**

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, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 30.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of latitude of the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N lat;

Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets: will be closed north of latitude of Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat.

**There will be no mesh size restriction or night closures in Section 15-A.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 28, 2026**, 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, July 26, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 30, 2026**, 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.

**To date, 3,454 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 23,700 sockeye salmon, well above the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement and may close the northern portion of the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery in statistical week 32.**

**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 one day of fishing time during statistical week 31. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given two days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than one day during statistical week 31, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.**

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.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches in length and those of Alaska hatchery origin will not be counted against Southeast Alaska's all gear harvest limit of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are requested to keep Chinook salmon harvested in terminal harvest areas (THAs) separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will improve harvest accounting and assist with sampling efforts to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

The next gillnet announcement will be issued on **Thursday, July 30, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4326.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
 Statistical Week 30 (July 19 through July 25)  
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 23, 2026

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NUMBER OF SALMON

| District    | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho  | Pink   | Chum    | Total   | Boats | Days<br>Open |
|-------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|--------------|
| District 1  | 30      | 4,000   | 250   | 6,000  | 11,000  | 21,280  | 32    | 2            |
| District 6  | 90      | 6,000   | 1,600 | 5,000  | 23,000  | 35,690  | 44    | 3            |
| District 8  | 40      | 500     | 60    | 300    | 11,000  | 11,900  | 14    | 3            |
| District 11 | 150     | 24,000  | 800   | 6,500  | 66,000  | 97,450  | 80    | 5            |
| District 15 | 75      | 12,500  | 50    | 6,200  | 200,000 | 218,825 | 101   | 3            |
| Total       | 385     | 47,000  | 2,760 | 24,000 | 311,000 | 385,145 |       |              |

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

| District    | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum  | Total |
|-------------|---------|---------|------|------|-------|-------|
| District 1  | 1       | 125     | 8    | 188  | 344   | 665   |
| District 6  | 2       | 136     | 36   | 114  | 523   | 811   |
| District 8  | 3       | 36      | 4    | 21   | 786   | 850   |
| District 11 | 2       | 300     | 10   | 81   | 825   | 1,218 |
| District 15 | 1       | 124     | 0    | 61   | 1,980 | 2,166 |

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Nakat Inlet THA: 240,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 3,200 Chinook and 40,000 chum salmon.

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