



Advisory Announcement
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 4, 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, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

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, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 4, 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 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 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.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 6, 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, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, 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., Wednesday, August 5, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 6;**

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., Wednesday, August 5, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 6.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 2026**, with the following restrictions:

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

Lutak Inlet: will be closed north of a line from White Rock at 59°18.05' N lat, 135°31.33' W long to a point at 59°18.73' N lat, 135°30.16' W long.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 5, 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 remain open until further notice in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (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.

To date, 3,754 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 10,500 sockeye salmon, within the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement and may take management action through statistical week 33.

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 32. 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 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.

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 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, August 6, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4826.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 31 (July 26 through August 1)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 30, 2026

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	20	1,000	300	11,500	12,500	25,320	25	2
District 6	10	2,800	2,000	8,000	10,000	22,810	36	2
District 8	20	200	200	600	5,000	6,020	17	2
District 11	80	18,000	1,100	11,000	19,500	49,680	75	5
District 15	100	30,000	75	19,000	40,000	89,175	111	4
Total	230	52,000	3,675	50,100	87,000	193,005		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	40	12	460	500	1,013
District 6	0	78	56	222	278	634
District 8	1	12	12	35	294	354
District 11	1	240	15	147	260	662
District 15	1	270	1	171	360	803

Nakat Inlet THA: 289,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 21,000 chum salmon.

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