



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 9, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 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 9, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

Salmon Bay: **normal markers.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 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: **normal markers.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 10, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 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);

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 12, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 9, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 12, 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., Monday, August 10, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 13, 2026.**

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.

Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, the Sections 11-B and 15-C gillnet openings will be delayed until Monday, August 10.

To date, 6,649 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 15,200 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 two days of fishing time during statistical week 33. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given four days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than two days during statistical week 33, 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 13, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S5526.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 32 (August 2 through August 8)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 6, 2026

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	20	2,800	2,200	29,500	9,500	44,020	20	5
District 6	30	3,500	5,900	56,000	9,500	74,930	40	3
District 8	10	200	400	1,700	12,300	14,610	22	3
District 11	20	3,800	1,100	9,500	8,000	22,420	40	4
District 15	100	18,000	400	16,000	12,000	46,500	95	3
Total	180	28,300	10,000	112,700	51,300	202,480		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	140	110	1,475	475	2,201
District 6	1	88	148	1,400	238	1,873
District 8	0	9	18	77	559	664
District 11	1	95	28	238	200	561
District 15	1	189	4	168	126	489

Nakat Inlet THA: 338,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 54,000 chum salmon.

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