



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 16, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 21, 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 20, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 20, 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.

Section 11-B **north of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat**: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 2026**.

Section 11-B **south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76' N lat**: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, August 18, 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.

There will be no mesh size restriction in Section 11-B.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 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 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 19, 2026.**

Section 15-C: outer 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, **will close at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 22, 2026**, 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, 6,930 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 10,815 sockeye salmon, within the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon.

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 3 days of fishing time during statistical week 34. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given 5 days of fishing time.

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.

The next gillnet announcement will be issued on **Thursday, August 20, 2026.**

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S6126.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 33 (August 9 through August 15)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 13, 2026

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	0	800	2,000	60,000	10,000	72,800	25	5
District 6	50	2,000	9,000	67,000	8,000	86,050	54	4
District 8	10	100	2,000	3,000	30,000	35,110	23	4
District 11	10	2,000	1,700	7,000	1,800	12,510	20	3
District 15	55	17,500	450	20,000	4,500	42,505	57	4
Total	125	22,400	15,150	157,000	54,300	248,975		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	32	80	2,400	400	2,912
District 6	1	37	167	1,241	148	1,594
District 8	0	4	87	130	1,304	1,527
District 11	1	100	85	350	90	626
District 15	1	307	8	351	79	746

Nakat Inlet THA: 445,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 74,000 chum salmon.

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