



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 23, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 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, August 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 2026**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 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: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 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 Sharp Point at 58°00.66' N lat, 133°47.15' W long to Sentinel Point at 57°59.74' N lat, 133°45.65' W long.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 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 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 26, 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 close at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 29, 2026**, in the waters of Boat Harbor west of 135°09.57' W long.

Speel Lake sockeye salmon escapement through the weir, and fish observed in the stream below the weir, currently totals more than three-quarters of the bottom end of the escapement goal range with consistent movement of new fish into the stream. An area extension into the Speel Arm Terminal Harvest Area could occur with as little as six hours of notice.

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 35. 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 27, 2026**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S6526.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 34 (August 16 through August 22)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 20, 2026

NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	0	300	1,400	28,700	2,000	32,400	15	5
District 6	10	600	6,000	31,000	3,000	40,610	35	4
District 8	20	200	2,000	2,000	5,000	9,220	14	4
District 11	0	600	1,600	3,800	700	6,700	14	3
District 15	10	6,000	2,500	8,000	3,000	19,510	42	4
Total	40	7,700	13,500	73,500	13,700	108,440		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	20	93	1,913	133	2,160
District 6	0	17	171	886	86	1,160
District 8	1	14	143	143	357	659
District 11	0	43	114	271	50	479
District 15	0	143	60	190	71	464

Nakat Inlet THA: 470,000 chum and 400 coho salmon.

Neets Bay THA: 53,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA: 82,000 chum and 500 coho salmon.

Deep Inlet THA: 1,900 Chinook and 58,300 chum salmon.

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