



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 13

Section 13-B: **will be closed.**

Estimated harvest from the most recent opening in District 13 was 82,000 pink salmon from 27 boats.

Directed pink salmon common property purse seine fisheries will be closed in all districts for the remainder of the 2026 season. Common property opportunity remains in select hatchery terminal harvest areas. In addition, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will continue to monitor fall chum salmon runs to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet.

2026 Purse Seine Fishery Summary

The 2026 Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest forecast was predicted to be average with a point estimate of 19 million fish. Traditional common property purse seine openings directed at harvesting pink salmon began July 2 and concluded September 3. This year's traditional common property purse seine harvest estimate is 18.7 million pink salmon, similar to the parent year harvest of 18 million pink salmon. Slightly more pink salmon were harvested from Southern Southeast compared to Northern Southeast; however, over 44% of the region's harvest was from District 13 in the Sitka Management Area (Table 1). This year's District 13 pink salmon harvest was the third highest on record for that area. The total southeast pink salmon harvest estimate, including harvest from the drift gillnet fishery and Annette Islands Reserve, is 19.8 million fish. Pink salmon average weight for the season was 3.5 pounds. Purse seine effort decreased slightly from 2025 (200 permits) but was slightly higher than 2024 (197 permits) with 199 permits making landings. Pink salmon escapement surveys continue, and escapement levels are being assessed.

Table 1. 2026 Southeast Alaska traditional purse seine harvest estimates (data as of 9/4/26).

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
101	280	29,000	53,000	2,450,000	287,000
102	170	14,500	54,000	2,170,000	471,000
103	400	5,400	37,000	2,620,000	87,000
104	7,300	39,500	38,000	1,790,000	153,000
105	4	50	1,250	360,000	3,500
106	0	80	180	57,000	9,500
107	30	1,500	3,500	153,000	50,000
SSE Total	8,184	90,030	186,930	9,600,000	1,061,000
109	110	850	7,500	600,000	19,000
112	4	1,300	2,700	270,000	19,000
113	740	100,000	22,500	8,230,000	1,570,000
114	0	0	0	0	0
NSE Total	854	102,150	32,700	9,100,000	1,608,000
SE Total	9,038	192,180	219,630	18,700,000	2,669,000

Hatchery produced chum salmon runs were expected to be average to above average in 2026. With the exception of Deep and Crawfish Inlets, hatchery produced chum salmon runs have concluded. The estimated common property purse seine THA harvest is 1.4 million chum salmon, below the 2016–2025 average harvest of 2.0 million chum salmon (Table 2).

Table 2. 2026 Southeast Alaska purse seine common property THA harvest estimates (data as of 9/4/26).

THA	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Carroll Inlet	1,500	2	2	0	120
Neets Bay	2	30	260	13,800	163,000
Kendrick Bay	40	1,340	800	21,500	128,000
Anita Bay	2,900	330	190	1,300	104,000
Thomas Bay	3	70	8	70	55,000
Amalga Harbor	170	3,800	350	4,500	402,000
Hidden Falls	250	1,100	70	400	157,000
Deep Inlet	1,900	1,100	3,300	240,000	427,000
Total	6,765	7,772	4,980	281,570	1,436,120

The overall exvessel value of the 2026 purse seine harvest is expected to exceed the prior two seasons and the 2016–2025 average value of \$56.5 million. Salmon prices were substantially higher than they have been for many years with initial estimates of price per pound of \$5.52 for Chinook, \$3.13 for sockeye, \$1.01 for coho, \$0.65 for pink, and \$1.34 for chum salmon. The final price per pound paid will not be determined until this winter.

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