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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat…The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery.

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 18 through 12:00 noon, Monday, June 19. Until further notice, salmon may be taken only with gillnets of six inches or smaller mesh.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20.

Dangerous River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20 with the following restrictions:

> **Mouth of the Lost River:** commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Lost River west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.52′ N. latitude, 139°36.96′ W. longitude, (approximately 500 yards upstream from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit at 59°27.17′ N. latitude, 139°36.83′ W. longitude, to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand Spit at 59°30.83′ N. latitude, 139°41.23′ W. longitude, to a regulation marker approximately 1,000 yards west of the Lost River mouth at 59°27.92′ N. latitude, 139°37.66′ W. longitude. Please refer to landmarks shown on the map on the following page identifying the closed areas.
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> **Mouth of Situk River:** commercial set gillnet fishing is prohibited near the mouth of the Situk River west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough (59°26.28′ N. latitude, 139°32.62′ W. longitude), to a regulation marker directly across the Inlet on Black Sand Spit (59°25.77′ N. latitude, 139°33.19′ W. longitude), to a regulation marker westward along the beach of Black Sand Spit (59°26.42′ N. latitude, 139°34.91′ W. longitude), and to a regulation marker west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station (59°26.74′ N. latitude, 139°34.66′ W. longitude). **All waters of Johnson Slough are closed** to commercial

fishing until the Chinook salmon run is over. Please refer to landmarks shown on the map identifying the closed areas

Chinook Salmon Retention: The commercial fishery for Chinook Salmon is closed. Chinook salmon may not be retained for sale or personal use. Chinook salmon found dead in the net must have the dorsal fin removed and be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to needy in the community.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y0417.

Figure 1. Marker locations at the mouth of Situk River.

Figure 2. Marker locations at the mouth of Lost River.

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