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SOUTHEAST ALASKA PURSE SEINE TASK FORCE, DRIFT GILLNET TASK FORCE, AND REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information about the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine and Drift Gillnet Task Force meetings and the Southeast Regional Planning Team meeting.

The department holds annual meetings each year between fishery managers, researchers, aquaculture organizations, fishermen, gear group organizations, processing company representatives, and interested organizations to review the previous salmon season, to discuss topics of importance for management of the fisheries, and to plan for the following season. Task force meetings have rotated between communities to provide increased access and participation. At last year's task force meetings, there was a request to hold task force meetings in conjunction with the Southeast Regional Planning Team (RPT) fall meeting. This year both task force meetings, as well as the RPT, will be held in Juneau.

The Drift Gillnet Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2012. The meeting will be held at the ADF&G Headquarters Building in the Commissioner's Conference Room from 1:00 p.m. until the meeting is completed.

The RPT meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Centennial Building in the Hickel Room from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Purse Seine Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2012. The meeting will be held at the ADF&G Headquarters Building in the Commissioner's Conference Room from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Agendas for the seine and gillnet meetings will be developed in cooperation between the department and the Southeast Alaska Seiners Association, the United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters Association, the Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance and the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association. Individuals with suggested topics for discussion should contact these organizations well in advance of the meeting dates.

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