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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

Section 1-F: will be open south and **east of a line from California Head at 55°19.57' N lat, 131°29.07' W long to Spire Island Reef Light at 55°16.08' N lat, 131°29.98' W long** to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N lat, 131°50.40' W long (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed south and east of a line from Foggy Point Light at 54°55.44′ N lat, 130°58.66′ W long to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long to the southernmost tip of Black Island at 55°07.91′ N lat, 131°04.85′ W long then due east to the mainland shore;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of California Head at 55°19.57′ N lat;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.75′ N lat;

<u>Thorne Arm</u>: will be closed north and east of a line from Moth Point at 55°15.92′ N lat, 131°19.69′ W long to the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat, 131°19.04′ W long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northern tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35′ W long.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.07′ N lat, 132°44.68′ W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.47′ N lat, 132°24.36′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.04′ N lat, 133°27.35′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long;

<u>Portillo Channel</u>: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00′ N lat, 133°21.64′ W long to Arrecife Point at 55°26.93′ N lat, 133°25.90′ W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80′ N lat, 133°28.76′ W long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

District 4: will be open.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

District 10: will be open within 3.0 nautical miles (nmi) of the Admiralty Island Shoreline with the following restrictions:

Gambier Bay and Big Bend: will be closed west of a line extending from the Admiralty Island shoreline at 57°24.89′ N lat, 133°53.31′ W long to Point Gambier Light at 57°26.13′ N lat, 133°50.44′ W long to Point Hugh at 57°34.22′ N lat, 133°48.62′ W long;

<u>Pybus Bay</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Pybus at 57°18.29′ N lat, 133°58.74′ W long to the southernmost tip of Elliot Island at 57°15.19′ N lat, 134°03.72′ W long.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 28, 2024:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28′ N lat, north of 57°06.76′ N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28′ N lat, 134°49.94′ W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76′ N lat, 134°45.37′ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Kasnyku Bay</u>: will be closed west of a line from 57°13.18′ N lat, 134°51.89′ W long to 57°13.07′ N lat, 134°52.04′ W long, and southwest of a line from 57°12.99′ N lat, 134°51.96′ W long to 57°12.90′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long to 57°12.65′ N lat, 134°51.51′ W long.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 28, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2024:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76′ W long.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that fish harvested during a state common property opening must be accurately documented on an ADF&G fish ticket, including area, species, number and pounds of fish, and the completed fish ticket submitted to the ADF&G, before leaving the regulatory area or state waters. Likewise, fish harvested outside of the state or regulatory area, which then enter state waters, must accurately be documented on a fish ticket before participating in a state common property opening. To comply, this requires any harvested fish be offloaded at a fish processing plant or tender with state certified scales. For additional information contact the Ketchikan ADF&G office.

To date, **770** sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of approximately **3,300** sockeye salmon, below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Anita Bay and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, **Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained** and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

In areas under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches (large) are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained large Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, 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.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S5224.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Midweek 30

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 26, 2024

NUMBERS OF SALMON								
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	
District 1	0	8,500	1,800	550,000	47,000	607,300	76	
District 2	0	1,500	900	38,000	16,000	56,400	12	
District 3	5	50	100	3,000	9,000	12,155	6	
District 4	1,000	8,000	4,800	175,000	15,500	204,300	44	

	FISH PER BOAT							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
District 1	0	112	24	7,237	618	7,991		
District 2	0	125	75	3,167	1,333	4,700		
District 3	1	8	17	500	1,500	2,026		
District 4	23	182	109	3,977	352	4,643		

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 450,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 67,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 280,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 1,200 Chinook and 813,000 chum salmon.

District 13: confidential.

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