



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, June 21, 2020.

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 25, 2020, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.00' N lat.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56°13.93' N lat, 132°52.35' W long to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56°13.22' N lat, 132°51.84' W long to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56°10.68' N lat, 132° 44.36' W long to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56°10.27' N lat, 132°43.57' W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N lat, 132°42.70' W long to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56°00.69' N lat, 132°36.47' W long, and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55°59.05' N lat, 132°44.08' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

District 8: will be closed.

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet/Stephens Passage: will be closed north and west of a line from Greely Point at 58°12.85' N lat, 134°05.02' W long to a point at 58°12.85' N lat, 134°07.05' W long to a point on the Admiralty Island shoreline north of Station Point at 58°01.74' N lat, 134°07.05' W long;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.03' N lat, 133°59.59' W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.72' N lat, 133°59.43' W long (outside markers);

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57°58.42' N lat, 133°53.93' W long to Point Anmer at 57°56.07' N lat, 133°51.05' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long and west of a line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2.0 nautical miles (nmi) from the eastern shoreline at 58°50.80' N lat, 135°12.77' W long (the latitude of Sherman Rock);

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°13.26' W long and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°01.13' W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) outer waters east of 135°09.57' W long will be open within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95' N lat, 135°13.98' W long and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96' N lat, 135°08.40' W long, from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 23, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.;

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93' N lat.

Section 15-C: Boat Harbor THA inner waters west of 135°09.57' W long will be open continuously starting 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2020, with no restrictions.

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.

Chinook salmon less than 28 inches harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches in length and those of Alaska hatchery origin will not be counted against Southeast Alaska's all gear harvest limit of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are requested to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will allow for better accounting of harvests and assist in sampling the harvests to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1120.

Advisory Announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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