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# **Advisory Announcement:**

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## Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #07 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-04-20

Commercial salmon fishing for <u>set gillnet and seine gear</u> will be allowed in the Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 25 until 10:00 p.m. Friday, June 26.

Commercial salmon fishing for <u>drift gillnet</u>, <u>set gillnet</u>, <u>and seine gear</u> will be allowed from <u>6:00 a.m. Thursday</u>, <u>June</u> <u>25 until 10:00 p.m. Sunday</u>, <u>June 28</u> in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District
Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District
Southwestern District
West and East Pavlof Bay sections of the South Central District

### As previously announced:

Commercial salmon fishing in the "Dolgoi Island area" will be closed from Saturday, June 13 at 10:01 p.m. until further notice.

These closed waters include:

Waters of the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District south and east of a line from Arch Point at 55° 12.30′ N. lat., 161° 54.30′ W. long. to a point on Belkofski Peninsula at 55° 09.50′ N. lat., 161° 57.80′ W. long. (Statistical Areas 284-37 through 284-39).

The portion of the West Pavlof Bay Section of the South Central District south of Black Point (55° 24.48′ N. lat.; Statistical Area 283-26).

As per the 2019 Board of Fisheries regulatory changes, seine gear is not allowed in the South Central District or the Volcano Bay and Belkofski Bay sections of the Southwestern District, excluding the waters north of a line from Vodapoini Point to Bold Cape.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

A copy of the *South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy*, 2020, can be found at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2020.04.pdf">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2020.04.pdf</a>. Hard copies of the management strategy can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller.

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at:

### http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

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: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>.