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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

District 1: **will be closed.**

District 2

District 2: **will be closed.**

District 3

District 3: **will be closed.**

District 4

District 4: **will be closed.**

District 5

District 5: **will be closed.**

District 6

District 6: **will be closed.**

District 7

District 7: **will be closed.**

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Salisbury Sound: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point at 135°48.07' W long with the following restrictions:

Peril Strait and Deep Bay: will be closed north of 57°25.56' N lat;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Sukoi Point at 57°19.32' N lat, 135°41.93' W long to Hayward Point at 57°19.32' N lat, 135°41.18' W long;

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of 135°36.15' W long;

Fish Bay: will be closed east of 135°30.75' W long.

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sister Lake, and Slocum Arm: **will be closed.**

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N lat, 135°34.28' W long to Sentinel Rock at 57°02.83' N lat, 135°24.62' W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°04.09' N lat, 135°22.08' W long with the following restrictions:

Starrigavin Bay and Mosquito Cove: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point at 57°07.61' N lat, 135°23.38' W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.83' N lat, 135°22.52' W long;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N lat and south of the latitude of Creek Point at 57°12.94' N lat;

Katlian Bay: will be closed **east of 135°18.13' W long.**

Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters: will be open east of 135°22.76' W long.

The department does not anticipate any further directed pink salmon fisheries in southern Southeast Alaska. Continued poor harvest, below average escapements, and a high female component in the harvest necessitate a closure. The department will continue to monitor pink salmon escapements in middle and late run systems.

The department will monitor fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Chaik Bay, Nakwasina Sound, Port Camden, Security Bay, and Excursion Inlet. However, given weak summer chum salmon runs throughout Southeast Alaska it is anticipated there will be little to no opportunity.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **MAY be retained and sold.** Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold.

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.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, August 21, 2020.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4820.

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/>.

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

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<i>ADF&G</i>	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
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Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 34
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 18, 2020

NUMBERS OF SALMON

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	30	5,500	2,200	82,000	4,000	93,730	24
District 2	10	900	400	35,000	2,000	38,310	14
District 3	0	700	1,000	88,000	4,500	94,200	24
District 4	1,100	15,000	3,300	95,000	4,600	119,000	35
District 6	0	500	200	23,000	1,400	25,100	6
District 7	0	300	100	17,000	4,300	21,700	9
District 13	0	10	50	17,000	400	17,460	4
Total	1,140	22,910	7,250	357,000	21,200	409,500	116

FISH PER BOAT

Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	229	92	3,417	167	3,905
District 2	1	64	29	2,500	143	2,736
District 3	0	29	42	3,667	188	3,925
District 4	31	429	94	2,714	131	3,400
District 6	0	83	33	3,833	233	4,183
District 7	0	33	11	1,889	478	2,411
District 13	0	3	13	4,250	100	4,365

District 5: Confidential.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,350 Chinook and 207,500 chum salmon.
