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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #18 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-14-20

Commercial salmon fishing by **set gillnet and seine gear** will be allowed for 61 hours from 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 21 until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 23 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District

Southwestern District, **excluding** the inside waters of the Volcano Bay Section north and west 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 Area 284-36)

South Central District, **excluding** the waters of the Canoe Bay Section (Statistical Area 283-24) Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District **excluding** the waters of Zachary Bay south of the latitude of 55° 22.60' N. lat. (Statistical Area 282-35)

Commercial salmon fishing by **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed for 61 hours from 8:00 a.m. Friday, August 21 until 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 23 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District Ikatan Bay Section of the Southwestern District

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 <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2020.04.pdf</u>. 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: <u>https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</u>.