



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Alsek River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- East Alsek River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Yakutat Bay: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Dangerous River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Akwe River: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.
- Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020,** with the following restrictions:
- Lost River: will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing north of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at 59°27.38' N lat, 139°36.55' W long (approximately 500 yards southeast from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence) to a regulation marker at 59°27.82' N lat, 139°37.46' W long (approximately 600 yards northwest from the Lost River-Situk Inlet confluence);
- Situk River mouth (including upstream Johnson Slough marker): will be closed to commercial set gillnet fishing west of a line from an ADF&G regulation marker located at the eastern bank of Johnson Slough at 59°26.73' N lat, 139°33.25' W long to a buoy regulation marker located at 59°26.33' N lat, 139°34.15' W long, to a regulation marker located at 59°25.66' N lat, 139°34.43' W long on Sunny Point.
- Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Remainder of the Yakutat District: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, October 4, through 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Yakataga District: will open from **9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 4, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Kaliakh River: will open from **9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 4, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020.**
- Tsiu River: will open from **9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 4, through 11:59 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2020.**

Seal River: will open from **9:00 a.m., Sunday, October 4, through 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2020**, with the following restriction:

Seal River: waters of the Seal River will be closed upstream of the confluence of the East Fork Tributary of the Seal River (located downstream of Vitus Lake).

Dual Permits: The use of dual permits is being allowed in the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Yakutat Bay north of a line from Point Manby to Ocean Cape. Individuals are reminded that if going to fish with two permits that they are to notify the Yakutat Fish and Game office of when they plan to fish with two permits and when they stop fishing with two permits.

Additional time to commercial fish the Tsiu River is warranted because the escapement goal of 10,000-29,000 coho salmon has been exceeded. An aerial survey conducted on September 11, 15,300 coho salmon were observed below the commercial fishing markers, and 40,700 coho salmon were observed above the markers. Harvest of surplus is needed to alleviate biological concerns.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y2320.

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: <http://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

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