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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #03
For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-01-24

The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries will open to commercial salmon fishing for set gillnet gear only during the following times and dates:

From 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 6 until 10:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8

The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries will open to drift gillnet and set gillnet gear during the following times and dates:

From 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 10 until 10:00 p.m. Thursday, June 13
From 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June 15 until 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18
From 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20 until 10:00 p.m. Sunday, June 23
From 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 until 10:00 p.m. Friday, June 28

The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries will open to purse seine gear only during the following times and dates:

From 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 10 until 2:00 a.m. Thursday, June 13
From 6:00 a.m. Sunday, June 16 until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, June 18
From 8:00 a.m. Thursday, June 20 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 23^a
From 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 28^{a,b}

^a If the June 18 trigger of 300,000 chum salmon is reached, this period will be reduced to 44 hours.

^b If the June 23 trigger of 450,000 chum salmon is reached, this period will be closed.

The June fishery occurs in the following districts and sections:

Otter Cove and Cape Lutke Sections of the Unimak District (Sanak Island Section closed)
Bechevin Bay Section of the Northwestern District
Southwestern District
West and East Pavlof Bay sections of the South Central District
Shumagin Islands Section of the Southeastern District

As per the 2023 Board of Fisheries regulatory changes, the Sanak Island Section will be closed during the month of June to all gear types. Additionally, there are two chum salmon triggers that are set in place. The first trigger will occur if 300,000 chum salmon are harvested by June 18. If the trigger is met or exceeded, then the last two openings for the purse seine gear will be reduced by 50%. The second trigger will occur if 450,000 chum salmon are harvested by June 23. If the trigger is met or exceeded, the final fishing period for purse seine gear will be closed. The board unanimously consented to maintain the status quo of the guidelines established in Record Copy 104 from the April 2022 board meeting. If the early run sockeye salmon escapement at the Chignik weir is projected to not be met, then fishing time for purse seine gear could be reduced by 50% in the Shumagin Islands Section during the June 16 fishing period. Subsequent fishing periods could also be reduced by 50% to meet the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal. If the lower bound of the Chignik River early run sockeye salmon escapement goal is projected to be met, then these restrictions could be lifted.

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, 2024* can be found <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2024.05.pdf>. 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).

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