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# **Advisory Announcement**

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### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Section 1-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 20, 2024, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point at 54°50.03′ N lat.

District 6: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches.

District 8: will be closed.

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<u>Taku Inlet/Stephens Passage</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Greely Point at 58°12.85′ N lat, 134°05.02′ W long to a point at 58°12.85′ N lat, 134°07.05′ W long to a point on the Admiralty Island shoreline north of Station Point at 58°01.74′ N lat, 134°07.05′ W long;

<u>Limestone Inlet</u>: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.04′ N lat, 133°59.60′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.75′ N lat, 133°59.40′ W long (outside markers);

<u>Port Snettisham</u>: will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at 57°58.42′ N lat, 133°53.93′ W long to Point Anmer at 57°56.09′ N lat, 133°51.01′ W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lynn Canal</u>: will be closed north of the latitude of Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25′ N lat, 135°13.26′ W long and west of a line from Eldred Rock Light to a point 2.0 nautical miles (nmi) from the eastern shoreline at 58°51.00′ N lat, 135°12.79′ W long (the latitude of Sherman Rock);

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lynn Canal</u>: will be closed north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46′ N lat, 135°01.13′ W long and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41′ N lat, 135°02.83′ W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) within 1.0 nmi of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Lance Point at 58°43.95′ N lat and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°36.96′ N lat, with the following restrictions:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93' N lat;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is 6 inches;

Night closure: closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Section 15-C: will be open continuously starting 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 16, 2024, within the Boat Harbor THA in the waters of Boat Harbor west of 135°09.57′ W long, with no restrictions.

As a reminder, District 6 sections were revised during the 2022 Southeast Alaska Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries meeting. A map of this area can be viewed online at:

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

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.

All Chinook salmon harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon less than 28 inches in length and those of Alaska hatchery origin will not be counted against Southeast Alaska's all gear harvest limit of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Therefore, fishermen and tenders are requested to keep Chinook salmon harvested in THAs separate from those harvested in traditional fishing areas. Separating these harvests will allow for better accounting of harvests and assist in sampling the harvests to identify Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon.

The Anita Bay, Nakat Inlet and Carroll Inlet THAs opened for drift gillnet on June 1, the Deep Inlet THA opened on June 3, the Southeast Cove THA will open June 18, and the Neets Bay THA will open June 29 as previously announced. For specific open times and area for these THAs, refer to the advisory announcements released in April.

#### Drafts of 2024 management plans have been posted online at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S1024.

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

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