



Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 20, 2024:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44' N lat, 134°57.50' W long to a point at 58°03.00' N lat, 134°57.85' W long, south of 58°03.00' N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N lat (located 1.0 nmi south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 1.0 nmi of the Baranof Island shoreline in the waters of Chatham Strait south of the latitude of South Point at 57°16.28' N lat, north of 57°06.76' N lat, and west of a line from a point offshore at 57°16.28' N lat, 134°49.94' W long to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N lat, 134°45.37' W long with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point at 57°13.36' N lat, 134°50.53' W long to the northernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.68' N lat, 134°50.48' W long to the southernmost tip of Round Island at 57°12.56' N lat, 134°50.51' W long to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N lat, 134°50.98' W long.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Carroll Inlet, Neets Bay, Anita Bay, and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2024.

When under nonretention of Chinook salmon 28 inches or larger, purse seine fishermen are encouraged to quickly release Chinook salmon in a manner that minimizes mortality. If Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches (large) are retained, the fisherman is in violation and may be issued a citation. Retained large Chinook salmon will be donated, and the fisherman may be subject to the cost associated with processing the fish for donation. On the fish ticket, the number and weight of the fish must be recorded and the disposition code "86-Donated" must be used.

Fishermen, tenders, 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.

Drafts of 2024 management plans have been posted online at:
https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, June 21, 2024.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S1524.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 25
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 18, 2024

Point Augusta index area harvest is confidential. Both pink and chum salmon average harvest per boat were above recent 10-year averages.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 500 Chinook salmon.

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: confidential.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 100 Chinook, and 57,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 280 Chinook and 35,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay, Southeast Cove, and Thomas Bay THA: no reported harvest.

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