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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 23, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 27, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, with the following restriction:

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

District 8: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed south of a line from Horn Cliffs at 56°50.61′ N lat, 132°47.31′ W long to a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.75′ N lat, 132°49.25′ W long and south and west of a line from a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.75′ N lat, 132°49.25′ W long to Sukoi Islets Light at 56°53.73′ N lat, 132°56.64′ W long to a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline on the District 10 boundary at 56°57.27′ N lat, 132°58.96′ W long;

<u>Section 8-B</u>: will be closed east of a line from Craig Point Light at 56°27.40′ N lat, 132°42.95′ W long to a point on Mitkof Island at 56°30.41′ N lat, 132°44.88′ W long;

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

Section 11-B: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of 58°14.70′ N lat (approximately 0.5 nmi north of Cooper Point);

<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);

Port Snettisham: 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, 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 2.0nmi 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25, 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 23**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Tuesday**, **June 25**, **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: the Boat Harbor THA will remain open until further notice in the waters of Boat Harbor west of 135°09.57′ W long, with no restrictions.

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 opened June 18, and the Neets Bay THA will open June 29 as previously announced. For specific open times and areas 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 1S1624.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 25 (June 16 through June 22) Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 20, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON

								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	300	2,000	100	200	25,000	27,600	14	4
District 6	100	3,200	70	15	8,000	11,385	15	3
District 11	150	700	0	0	11,000	11,850	12	2
District 15	75	1,300	0	0	60,000	61,375	48	2
Total	625	7,200	170	215	104,000	112,210		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	21	143	7	14	1,786	1,971
District 6	7	213	5	1	533	759
District 11	13	58	0	0	917	988
District 15	2	27	0	0	1,250	1,279

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 650 Chinook salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 300 Chinook and 5 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: confidential

Nakat Inlet and Southeast Cove THAs: no reported harvest.

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