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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 30, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 4, 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3, 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 3, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<u>Section 8-A</u>: 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2, 2024, with the following restrictions:

Taku Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Jaw Point at 58°16.81' N lat;

<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.

There will be no night closures or mesh size restriction in District 11.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, June 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2, 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 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 2, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<u>Lynn Canal</u>: will be closed north of **58°36.96' N lat (approximately 1.5 nmi north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light) and west of a line from 58°36.96' N lat 135°01.13' W long** to Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°01.13' W long 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 30**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Tuesday**, **July 2**, **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.

Please be aware that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, for the Independence Day Holiday.

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.

Fishermen are advised to stay clear of salvage efforts of a sunken vessel near the head of Anita Bay. Fishermen are also advised that there may be fuel contaminants in the bay, especially at the head of the bay, and to ensure the area is clear of any contaminants before deploying fishing gear. The State of Alaska has a zero-tolerance policy with respect to fuel contamination of seafood and may close the area if there are reports of contaminated seafood, boats, or fishing gear.

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 1S2324.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 26 (June 23 through June 29) Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 27, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON

								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	300	1,100	100	100	39,200	40,800	27	4
District 6	20	1,600	180	20	13,300	15,120	25	3
District 8	30	1,800	10	10	300	2,150	11	3
District 11	180	2,000	0	10	36,000	38,190	35	2
District 15	20	770	0	0	69,000	69,790	88	2
Total	550	7,270	290	140	157,800	166,050		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	11	41	4	4	1,452	1,511
District 6	1	64	7	1	532	605
District 8	3	164	1	1	27	195
District 11	5	57	0	0	1,029	1,091
District 15	0	9	0	0	784	793

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,400 Chinook salmon. Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 6,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,000 Chinook and 100 chum salmon. Southeast Cove and Deep Inlet THAs harvest to date: confidential.

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