



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., Sunday, June 30, 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);

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from East Point at 57°48.33' N lat, 134°56.92' W long to a point at 57°46.34' N lat, 134°56.07' W long to South Passage Point at 57°45.85' N lat, 134°56.32' W long, and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point at 135°06.67' W long;

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.

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 next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 2, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2424.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Midweek 26
Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 28, 2024

Point Augusta index area: no effort.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,200 Chinook salmon.

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 80,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 220 Chinook and 25 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 16,500 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 350 Chinook and 268,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,700 Chinook and 198,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: confidential.

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