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# SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2024:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.46′ N lat, 131°18.87′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.03′ N lat, 131°25.18′ W long to Point Davison Light at 54°59.64′ N lat, 131°36.84′ W long, then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Kah Shakes Point at 55°04.26′ N lat, 130°58.80′ W long.

#### District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 2024:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73′ N lat with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

#### District 7

District 7: will be closed.

# District 10

District 10: will be closed.

### District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 11, 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.

## District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Thursday, July 11, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76′ W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the 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, including Kendrick Bay, 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, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay (THA) should be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

Drafts of 2024 management plans have been posted online at: <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans</a>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 12, 2024.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3324.

# Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 28

## Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 9, 2024

NUMBERS OF SALMON								
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	
District 1	0	2,200	600	50,000	77,000	129,800	52	
District 2	0	1,200	300	1,000	29,000	31,500	26	

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	42	12	962	1,481	2,496	
District 2	0	46	12	38	1,115	1,212	

Point Augusta index area harvest is confidential. Pink salmon average harvest per boat was at and chum salmon was above recent 10-year averages.

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 300,000 chum salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 150 Chinook and 208,000 chum salmon. Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 900 Chinook and 1,900 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 96,000 chum salmon

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 900 Chinook and 519,000 chum salmon. Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 900 Chinook and 519,000 chum salmon Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook and 348,000 chum salmon

Districts 7, 10 and 13 and Thomas Bay THA: confidential.

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