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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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 18, 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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 17, 2024, with the following restrictions:

<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) from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, and will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09′ N lat, 133°58.87′ W long to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92′ N lat, 133°58.87′ W long (inside markers) from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 17;**

<u>Port Snettisham</u>: 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: the minimum allowed mesh size is 6 inches south of the latitude of Circle Point at 58°07.76′ N lat from 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 17.

Section 15-A: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 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, July 14, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 16, 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**, **July 14**, **through 12:00 noon**, **Wednesday**, **July 17**, **2024**, in the waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) within 2.0 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.

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

The ADF&G has updated statistical area maps and its' interactive salmon map. These maps can be found on the ADF&G website at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#maps. In addition, the interactive map can be used remotely on mobile devices by downloading the *ArcGIS Field Maps* app by ESRI and loading the *ADF&G SE AK Salmon Mobile – SEAK* map. You can find this map by using the search feature within the "Maps" page of the app and typing in "ADF&G".

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S3724.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 28 (July 7 through July 13) Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 11, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON

								Days
District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
District 1	100	2,600	100	1,300	41,000	45,100	34	4
District 6	100	7,000	200	100	18,000	25,400	27	5
District 8	50	3,200	20	20	14,000	17,290	11	5
District 11	200	6,800	200	100	200,000	207,300	60	3
District 15	45	6,000	10	10	300,000	306,065	93	3
Total	495	25,600	550	1,530	573,000	601,175		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	3	76	3	38	1,206	1,326
District 6	4	259	7	4	667	941
District 8	5	291	2	2	1,273	1,572
District 11	3	113	3	2	3,333	3,455
District 15	0	65	0	0	3,226	3,291

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,700 Chinook salmon. Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 68,000 chum salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 40 Chinook and 1,900 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,500 Chinook and 125 chum

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,350 Chinook and 168,000 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: confidential.

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