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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., Sunday, July 14, 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:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15' N lat, 130°59.10' W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29' N lat, 131°03.17' W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42' N lat, 131°03.59' W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40' N lat, 131°00.20' W long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 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 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2024:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2024:**

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde at 56°10.43' N lat.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 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., Sunday, July 14, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2024:**

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

To date, 140 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of approximately 2,450 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and may take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: All Chinook salmon harvested in the 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, 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:

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 next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3824.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates							
Statistical Midweek 28							
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 12, 2024							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	2,500	800	115,000	70,000	188,300	49
District 2	0	2,500	900	5,000	55,000	63,400	32
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	51	16	2,347	1,429	3,843	
District 2	0	78	28	156	1,719	1,981	

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: 325,000 chum salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 200 Chinook and 266,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 1,900 Chinook and 6,600 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 119,000 chum salmon

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 126,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 950 Chinook and 615,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,400 Chinook and 348,000 chum salmon

District 13: confidential.

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