



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 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 25, 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, 2024**.

There will be no mesh size restriction in District 6.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, 2024**, with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from 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 to Sukoi Islets Light at 56°53.73' N lat, 132°56.64' W long to Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long; and south and east of a line from Frederick Point at 56°47.55' N lat, 132°49.27' W long to a point 800 yards north of Japanese Creek on the mainland shore at 56°46.62' N lat, 132°37.11' W long;

Section 8-B: will be closed east and north of a line from a point east of Blind Slough on Mitkof Island at 56°31.88' N lat, 132°40.66' W long to a point on the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough at 56°31.83' N lat, 132°40.17' W long to Two Tree Island Light at 56°29.65' N lat, 132°38.06' W long to Vank Island Light at 56°26.92' N lat, 132°36.00' W long to Point Ancon Light at 56°24.30' N lat, 132°33.32' W long to Reef Point at 56°21.37' N lat, 132°33.55' W long to the northwest tip of Etolin Island at 56°20.07' N lat, 132°32.14' 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, with the following restrictions:

Limestone Inlet: 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 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23**, 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 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**;

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;

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 23, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, 2024**, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal, Lutak and Chilkoot Inlets: will be closed east and north of a line beginning at a point within 2.0 nmi of the western shoreline at 58°51.00' N lat, 135°14.59' W long to Sullivan Island Light at 58°53.88' N lat, 135°18.15' W long to Eldred Rock Light at 58°58.25' N lat, 135°13.26' W long to Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long;

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, 2024**, with the following restriction:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Vanderbilt Reef Light at 58°35.46' N lat, 135°01.13' W long and west of a line from Vanderbilt Reef Light to Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N lat, 135°02.83' W long.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24, 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 restriction:

William Henry Bay: will be closed south of 58°42.93' N lat.

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.

There will be no night closures or mesh size restriction in District 15.

To date, 228 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 2,736 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 and may close the northern portion of the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery in statistical week 31.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is being managed according to the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). The District 1 purse seine fishery is expected to receive two days of fishing time during statistical week 30. Therefore, the Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery will be given four days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than two days during statistical week 30, the fishing time in Section 1-B will be extended accordingly.

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.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4424.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
 Statistical Week 29 (July 14 through July 20)
 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 18, 2024

NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days
								Open
District 1	100	3,000	300	7,000	50,000	60,400	35	4
District 6	15	2,800	280	120	9,000	12,215	18	2
District 8*	20	1,200	20	10	5,600	6,850	11	2
District 11	100	10,000	400	1,000	225,000	236,500	55	4
District 15	25	4,000	10	50	300,000	304,085	81	3
Total	260	21,000	1,010	8,180	589,600	620,050		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	3	86	9	200	1,429	1,726
District 6	1	156	16	7	500	679
District 8*	2	109	2	1	509	623
District 11	2	182	7	18	4,091	4,300
District 15	0	49	0	1	3,704	3,754

*District 8 midweek opening harvest not included.

Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 115,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,000 Chinook and 7,200 chum

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 190,000 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: confidential.

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