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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 21, 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 a **point on the western shore of Gravina** Island at 55°14.91' N lat, 130°50.40' W long (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: 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 21, 2024:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the **northern tip of Windy Point at 55°13.10' N lat with the following restrictions:**

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the longitude of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35' W long;

<u>Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters</u>: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 21, 2024:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28' N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62' N lat, 132°58.33' W long to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.07' N lat, 132°44.68' W long to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80' N lat, 132°41.83' W long;

<u>Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.47′ N lat, 132°24.36′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.16′ N lat, 132°24.56′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87' N lat, 133°42.10' W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.04' N lat, 133°27.35' W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10' N lat, 133°27.81' W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Port Asumcion</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80' N lat, 133°30.64' W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04' N lat, 133°30.26' W long;

<u>Portillo Channel</u>: will be closed north of a line from the southernmost tip of Point Amargura at 55°27.00' N lat, 133°21.64' W long to Arrecife Point at 55°26.93' N lat, 133°25.90' W long and south of a line from the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06' N lat, 133°27.37' W long to Point Delgada at 55°30.80' N lat, 133°28.76' W long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 21, 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 21, 2024:

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Thoms Point at 56°06.97' 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 21, 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 and waters of the THA outside Kasnyku Bay: will be closed south of the latitude of North Point at 57°13.36' N lat and north of the latitude of 57°11.58' N lat.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 21, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2024:

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

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that fish harvested during a state common property opening must be accurately documented on an ADF&G fish ticket, including area, species, number and pounds of fish, and the completed fish ticket submitted to the ADF&G, before leaving the regulatory area or state waters. Likewise, fish harvested outside of

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the state or regulatory area, which then enter state waters, must accurately be documented on a fish ticket before participating in a state common property opening. To comply, this requires any harvested fish be offloaded at a fish processing plant or tender with state certified scales. For additional information contact the Ketchikan ADF&G office.

To date, **269** sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of approximately **3,000** 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.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: 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.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4524.

Statistical Midweek 29 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 19, 2024												
NUMBERS OF SALMON												
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats					
District 1	0	3,700	1,100	304,000	79,000	387,800	61					
District 2	0	3,100	1,300	30,000	57,000	91,400	21					
District 4	0	7,000	13,000	62,000	16,000	98,000	15					
			FISH PEF	R BOAT								
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total						
District 1	0	61	18	4,984	1,295	6,357						
District 2	0	148	62	1,429	2,714	4,352						
District 4	0	467	867	4,133	1,067	6,533						

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates

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

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 364,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 25,000 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 175,000 chum salmon

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 200,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 1,050 Chinook and 763,000 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 348,000 chum salmon

District 13: confidential.

Advisory Announcement web site: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</u>.

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