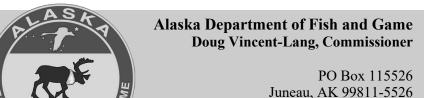
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #27

SEINE FISHERIES: This announcement defines the area for the Eastern District fishing period occurring tomorrow, July 22.

<u>EASTERN DISTRICT</u>: Waters of the Eastern District will open to commercial purse seine fishing for a 12-hour period, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, on Monday, July 22. The waters of Port Valdez east of the longitude of 146°35.00'W will be CLOSED to commercial fishing during this period. Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures north of a line from Potato Point to Entrance Point will not be in effect during this fishing period.

Waters inside the following Eastern District Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF) markers will be closed to commercial fishing during this period to ensure early season escapement:

- (1) <u>Jack Bay:</u> south and east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.34' N. lat., 146°35.27' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.17' N. lat., 146°39.77' W. long.;
- (2) <u>Sawmill Bay</u>: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 61°02.71' N. lat., 146°46.44' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 61°02.58' N. lat., 146°47.07' W. long.
- (3) <u>Galena Bay:</u> east of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°56.87' N. lat., 146°39.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°56.55' N. lat., 146°39.65' W. long,;
- (4) Landlocked Bay: waters north of 60°50.76' N. lat.;
- (5) <u>Irish Cove</u>: south of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°46.73' N. lat., 146°26.62' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°46.27' N. lat., 146°27.12' W. long.;
- (6) **Port Fidalgo Subdistrict:** waters east of 146°24.12' W. long.
- (4) **St. Matthews Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.36' N. lat., 146°19.07' W. long. to a shore maker at approximately 60°43.61' N. lat., 146°21.17' W. long.;
- (5) Olsen Bay: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°43.46′ N. lat., 146°10.14′ W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°43.21′ N. lat., 146°13.97′ W. long.;
- (6) <u>Beartrap Bay</u>: north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°45.13' N. lat., 146°06.12' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°44.51' N. lat., 146°04.57' W. long.; this includes all waters of Port Gravina and Beartrap Bay inside of this line;
- (7) **Sheep Bay:** north of a line from a shore marker at approximately 60°41.13' N. lat., 145°58.87' W. long. to a shore marker at approximately 60°40.46' N. lat., 145°58.01' W. long.;

The next scheduled salmon seine fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, July 24.