



Advisory Announcement
For Immediate Release: July 23, 2024

CONTACT: Troy Thynes
Region I Management Coordinator
troy.thynes@alaska.gov
(907) 772-3801

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., Thursday, July 25, 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 restrictions:

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;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.75' N lat.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 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:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed;

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

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 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:

Dall Island Shore: 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;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: 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:

Port Asumcion: 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;

Portillo Channel: 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 **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2024:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

District 7: **will be closed.**

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 25, 2024:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: **will be closed;**

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open within approximately 1.0 nautical mile 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., Thursday, July 25, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, July 27, 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 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, **540** sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of approximately **4,350** sockeye salmon, 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. Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **MAY be retained and sold in Districts 3 and 4** and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not 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.

In areas 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 **Friday, July 26, 2024**.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1S4924.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 30
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 23, 2024

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	8,000	2,500	540,000	57,000	607,500	72
District 2	0	2,000	700	20,000	35,000	57,700	17
District 4	0	26,000	10,000	300,000	30,000	366,000	25

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	0	111	35	7,500	792	8,438
District 2	0	118	41	1,176	2,059	3,394
District 4	0	1,040	400	12,000	1,200	14,640

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

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 410,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 50,000 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 215,000 chum salmon

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 240,000 chum salmon.

Hidden Falls THA harvest to date: 1,200 Chinook and 805,000 chum salmon.

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

Districts 3, 7, and 13: confidential.

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

Office	Ketchikan	Petersburg	Wrangell	Sitka	Juneau	Haines	Yakutat
ADF&G	225-5195	772-3801		747-6688	465-4250	766-2830	784-3255
AWT	225-5111	772-3983	874-3215	747-3254	465-4000	766-2533	784-3220