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Advisory Announcement:

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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #17 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-13-24

Commercial salmon fishing by **purse seine and set gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 26 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District Southwestern District South Central District

Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, East Stepovak, and the Shumagin Islands Sections of the Southeastern District.

The Northwest Stepovak Section of the Southeastern District will remain closed until further notice.

Additionally, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the Unimak, Southwestern, South Central, and Southeastern Districts of Area M during a commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Commercial salmon fishing by **drift gillnet gear** will be allowed for 36 hours from 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 26 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27 in the following districts and sections:

Unimak District Ikatan Bay Section of the Southwestern District

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

A copy of the *South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy*, 2024, can be found at adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/RIR.4K.2024.05.pdf. Hard copies of the management strategy can be obtained at ADF&G offices in Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller.

Statistical charts and management strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller ADF&G offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).