



**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 28, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 1, 2024, in those waters south of 54°54.50' N lat (approximately 1.0 nautical mile [nmi] south of Foggy Point), 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 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 2024.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 2024,** with the following restrictions:

Section 8-A: will be closed west of a line from a point 1.0 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 a point 1.3 nmi north of Bear Creek at 56°42.92' N lat, 132°44.52' 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 East Point at 56°23.10' N lat, 132°24.20' W long to a point on the Wrangell Island shoreline located at the latitude of East Point;

Kunk Creek: will be closed west of a line from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N lat, 132°22.98' W long to a point on the District 8 boundary line at 56°17.00' N lat, 132°22.98' W long.

**There will be no mesh size restriction in District 8.**

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31, 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 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30,** 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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31;**

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 30, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 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 the northernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59°04.83' N lat, 135°16.76' W long** to Ayiklutu Point at 59°04.93' N lat, 135°18.48' W long;

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of **a line from Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N lat, 135°22.97' W long to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.56' N lat, 135°21.85' W long.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 30, 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 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31, 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.

**To date, 700 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects a total escapement of 3,800 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 continue to take management action through statistical week 33.**

**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 31. 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 31 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 1S5024.

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Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 30 (July 21 through July 27)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 25, 2024

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NUMBER OF SALMON

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
District 1	20	3,300	300	7,300	31,000	41,920	30	4
District 6	20	4,300	900	1,100	8,500	14,820	27	2
District 8*	10	1,000	20	160	3,600	4,790	11	2
District 11	100	20,000	1,000	2,500	150,000	173,600	65	5
District 15	15	7,000	30	1,500	275,000	283,545	90	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>12,560</b>	<b>468,100</b>	<b>518,675</b>		

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FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD

District	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	1	110	10	243	1,033	1,397
District 6	1	159	33	41	315	549
District 8*	1	91	2	15	327	435
District 11	2	308	15	38	2,308	2,671
District 15	0	78	0	17	3,056	3,151

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Nakat Inlet THA harvest to date: 187,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,300 Chinook and 20,700 chum salmon.

\*District 8 does not include midweek estimates.

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