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CHILKOOT AND LUTAK INLETS SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY REOPENS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets will reopen to subsistence salmon fishing **beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 27, 2024, during any periods the commercial drift gillnet fishery is open in Section 15-A and on Saturdays, with the following restriction:**

Lutak Inlet: will be closed north of a line from the White Rock regulatory marker at 59°18.05' N lat, 135°31.33' W long to a point on the opposite shore at 59°18.73' N lat, 135°30.16' W long.

Sockeye salmon escapement to Chilkoot River has recently improved. As of July 26, 13,000 sockeye salmon have passed through the Chilkoot River weir projecting a total escapement near the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal range. On average, 40,000 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir by this date. As a precautionary approach, a portion of Lutak Inlet near the terminus of Chilkoot River will be closed to subsistence salmon fishing to ensure adequate numbers of sockeye salmon reach their spawning grounds.

The department will continue to closely monitor sockeye salmon escapement to Chilkoot River. If escapement continues to improve, the department may reopen all Lutak Inlet to subsistence salmon fishing.

The sport fishery will remain closed to retention of sockeye salmon in Chilkoot River and Lake until further notice.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5124.

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

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