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SILVER BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2021:

Silver Bay THA: will be open north and east of a line from Entry Point Light at 57°01.96′ N lat, 135°15.00′ W long to 57°01.58′ N lat, 135°14.58′ W long and north and west of line from 57°02.06′ N lat, 135°11.94′ W long to 57°01.77′ N lat, 135°12.51′ W long with the following restrictions:

<u>Sawmill Cove</u>: will be closed north and west of a line from 57°02.82′ N lat, 135°13.55′ W long to 57°02.57′ N lat, 135°13.58′ W long to 57°02.49′ N lat, 135°13.96′ W long;

<u>Sawmill Creek</u>: no salmon stream restrictions will be in effect for Sawmill Creek (all freshwaters and stream channels remain closed).

Through August 31, 2021, NSRAA has processed 25,000 fall chum salmon for broodstock at Medvejie Hatchery, resulting in approximately 19 million eggs out of a total goal of 92 million. It is anticipated that a total of 110,000 to 125,000 fall chum salmon broodstock will be needed to meet egg-take goals. Currently, NSRAA estimates 70,000 to 90,000 chum salmon in the waters of Bear Cove indicating the broodstock goal is likely to be achieved. Additional Silver Bay THA seine openings will be evaluated based upon egg-take progression and broodstock estimates. It is important for purse seine vessels to correctly report harvest location during this opening: Silver Bay THA is statistical area 113-35.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: 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.

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.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6121.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

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