



## Federal Subsistence Board



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### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE SALMON FISHERY CLOSED IN THE STIKINE RIVER

#### SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under authority of: 36 CFR 242.10 and .19  
50 CFR 100.10 and .19

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Special Action No: 13-SS-01-19

Issued at: Wrangell Alaska, July 18, 2019

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent special action

#### EXPLANATION:

This Special Action closes the June 21 – July 31, 2019 Federal subsistence Sockeye Salmon fishery in the Stikine River. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the State managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Sockeye Salmon. The July 21 – July 31 closure of the Federal subsistence Sockeye Salmon fishery does not affect the Stikine River Federal subsistence Coho Salmon fishery beginning August 1, 2019.

**REGULATION:** 50 CFR 100.27(e)(13) (xiii) and 36 CFR 242.27(e)(13) (xiii) are amended to read:

*§ \_\_.27(e)(13) (xiii) You may take Chinook, Sockeye, and Coho Salmon in the mainstem of the Stikine River only under the authority of a Federal subsistence fishing permit. Each Stikine River permit will be issued to a household. Only dip nets, spears, gaffs, rod and reel, beach seine, or gillnets not exceeding 15 fathoms in length may be used. The maximum gillnet mesh size is 5 1/2; inches, except during the Chinook season when the maximum gillnet mesh size is 8 inches.*

*(A) The Chinook Salmon fishery is closed*

*(B) ~~You may take~~ **The Sockeye Salmon fishery is closed** from July 21 through July 31. The annual limit is 40 Sockeye Salmon per household.*

*(C) You may take Coho Salmon from August 1 through October 1. The annual limit is 20 Coho Salmon per household.*

*(D) You may retain other salmon taken incidentally by gear operated under terms of this permit. The incidentally taken salmon must be reported on your permit calendar.*

*(E) Fishing nets must be checked at least twice each day. The total annual guideline harvest level for the Stikine River fishery is 125 Chinook, 600 Sockeye, and 400 Coho Salmon. All salmon harvested, including incidentally taken salmon, will count against the guideline for that species.*

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to

Clint Kolarich  
District Ranger  
Wrangell Ranger District  
18 July 2019

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The 2019 preseason forecast for the Stikine River is 90,000 Sockeye Salmon which is below the average 153,000 fish. The forecast includes 66,000 Tahltan Lake and 24,000 Mainstem Sockeye Salmon. The escapement objective for Tahltan bound Sockeye Salmon is 18,000 and 30,000 for the Mainstem component. Both Canadian and US fisheries are seeing harvests below expectations, indicating a total run size lower than the preseason forecast. This action is necessary for Sockeye Salmon conservation in the Stikine River and to meet obligations of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also taken actions in the State managed fisheries to reduce the harvest of Stikine River Sockeye Salmon. The closure of the Sockeye Salmon fishery does not affect the Stikine River Federal subsistence Coho Salmon fishery beginning August 1, 2019.

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