



Salmon Season 2025 - South Peninsula Salmon Fisheries

The South Alaska Peninsula salmon fisheries from South Unimak to the Shumagin Islands will operate under increasingly complex regulations in 2025. In June, the emphasis will be on chum conservation as mandated by the Board of Fisheries in 2023. Note that all salmon in the South Alaska Peninsula commercial fishery must be retained as harvest during June as required by 5 AAC 09.365(e).

Area M Seiners have been working cooperatively since at least 2022 to conserve chum salmon, in response to stakeholder concerns over AYK chum returns and to continue sharing in the burden of conservation.

Since the 2023 Board action, chum harvests in the South Peninsula reaching or exceeding 300,000 fish by June 18th, will result in the remaining June fishery openings for purse seine gear to be reduced by 44 hours each opening. If chum harvest meets or exceeds 450,000 fish by June 23rd, the South Peninsula salmon fishery will be closed to purse seine for the rest of June. The Sanak Island section is now closed to all salmon fishing gear during June. Additionally, fishing time in the second and subsequent fishing periods in June will be reduced by 50% in the Shumagin Islands Section if the lower bound of the Chignik early-run sockeye escapement goal is not met or projected to be met.

The South Peninsula salmon fishing calendars and fishing regulations summaries presented above are taken from the ADFG 2025 [South Peninsula Salmon Management Strategy](#).

June 2025 Gear Types Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seine gear fishing periods and drift gillnet gear fishing periods					Open 64 hours (Set Gillnet Gear Only)	
6	9	10	11	12	13	14
Open 68 hours		Open 88 hours		76-hr closure		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Open 66 hours			32 hr closure	Open 88 hours		
Open 88 hours			200,000 chum trigger evaluation point	Open 88 hours		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Open 88 hours		32 hr closure	Open 88 hours			
Open 88 hours		450,000 chum trigger evaluation point	Open 88 hours			
29	30					

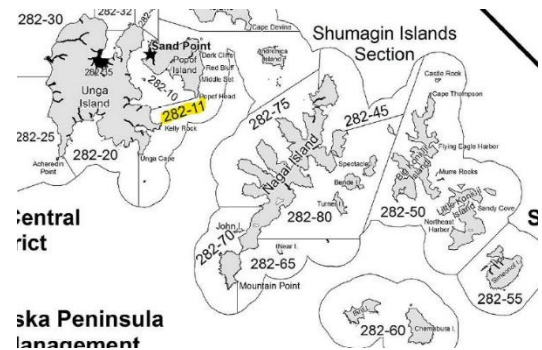
Figure 7 - All gear types fishing periods in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries, 2025

July 2025 All Gear Types Schedule						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Note: All fishing periods start at 6:00 AM. All fishing periods are for all gear types.						
8	9	10	11	12		
33 Hours			36 Hours			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	36 Hours				36 Hours	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		36 Hours				36 Hours
27	28	29	30	31		
		36 Hours				

Figure 10 - All gear types fishing periods in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands post-June fisheries, 2025

In July, the focus will be on King Salmon conservation. The post-June fishery in the South Peninsula area will open for purse seine gear after an immature salmon test fishery in early July concludes less than 100 immature salmon are gilled per set on average.

Beginning in July, all King salmon 28 inches or longer must be safely released to the water, according to the [update](#) from ADFG. In addition, any fishing period in July with a King salmon harvest exceeding 1000 fish in the Shumagin Island Section will result in the next fishing period to be closed in Stat Area 282-11.



The ADFG South Peninsula Commercial Salmon Preseason meeting will be held May 30th at 10am in Sand Point at the AEB office and on Microsoft Teams to other AEB communities. More information on the Preseason meeting will be forthcoming from ADFG.

The ADFG 2025 North Peninsula Salmon Management Plan is found [here](#).

Catch and Release

Most of the available articles on best practices and methods for safe catch and release are for sport caught fish by hook and line, including for salmon. Below are the tips applicable to net fishing – best practices that can minimize salmon mortality after release. This information from the [ADFG Sport Fish, Proper Release Methods](#) webpage: “Keep the fish in the water while handling. The longer the fish is out of the water the lower the chance of survival. A good rule is to hold your breath while the fish is out of the water. When you need to breathe, so does the fish. If you do handle a fish with your hands, make sure to wet them first. Dry hands can rub the slime coat off the fish. This is a protective layer on their skin, which protects them from infection. Do not touch the eyes or gills of the fish. If you need to hold a fish, do so by gently placing one hand on the underside of the fish by the pectoral fins and the other near the base of the tail. This will help avoid injury to the internal organs. Never hold a fish vertically, only horizontally. Never squeeze your fish or hold them by their jaw or gill plate. Never hold a fish up by its tail, this can dislocate their back. Never let a fish drop to the ground or on the floor of the boat”

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