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REDOUBT LAKE SOCKEYE SALMON RE-OPENING SA-13-RS-06-11

Due to a stronger salmon return, the US Forest Service Sitka District Ranger is acting to re-open the Federal subsistence sockeye salmon fishery in the waters under federal jurisdiction in Redoubt Lake on Baranof Island. Effective 12:01 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011 all waters of the Redoubt Lake drainage will be open to subsistence sockeye salmon fishing. The fishery was closed from July 16 to July 22 due to projected low numbers.

As of July 20, 4,241 sockeye salmon have passed through a weir at the outlet of Redoubt Lake. Based on historic run timing, the new predicted total escapement for the 2011 season is expected to be 12,373 sockeye salmon, well above the minimum escapement goal of 7,000 sockeye.

The Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye Salmon Management Plan provides management provisions for commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries that harvest Redoubt Lake sockeye salmon based on an optimal escapement goal of 7,000 to 25,000 fish. The plan allows ADF&G to open Redoubt Bay and Lake to subsistence, sport and commercial, fisheries if the total projected escapement level of sockeye salmon is above 7,000.

The USFS is taking concurrent action with the State to re-open the Federal subsistence fishery and will continue monitoring the Redoubt Lake sockeye salmon escapements.

Fishermen are asked to exercise caution in the Redoubt falls area due to a number of bear sightings.

For more information on the Redoubt Sockeye closure, contact Jack Lorrigan at (907-747-6671) or by e-mail, jlorrigan@fs.fed.us.

Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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