

Tribal Fishery

Rough weather made for some challenging conditions this summer at the Tribe's educational fishery.

"The problem was, all of the fish came through when the weather was super bad," said Tribal Harvest Program Manager Jake Kooly, noting the frequent high winds and big waves on the beach.

To compensate for the conditions, fishery staff had to make sure the net was in the water to fish every tide.

"We got as many (fish coming to the net) as we needed. We just had to work harder for them," Kooly said.

As of Sept. 1, 8,722 fish had come to the Tribe's nets.

Kooly credited the fishery staff for keeping things running smoothly and a successful season.

"It boils down to having a good team, how good of a crew you have working the net," Kooly said.

The fishery opened on June 1 this year. Tribal Members kicked off the start of the season with the Opening of the Net Celebration at the Tribe's Waterfront.

Tribal Members were happy to once again be able to gather at the net and celebrate culture and traditions.

Kooly also reported good days of fishing from the Tribe's 32-foot fishing boat, named the Kahtnuht'ana Dena'ina. The boat is used for



Chelsea Farmer picks fish from the Tribe's net during a September tide.

king salmon fishing out of Homer in the winter, and halibut fishing during the summer months.

The fish that come to the Kahtnuht'ana Dena'ina are

shared with Elders. King salmon are harvested under state sport fishing and proxy fishing regulations. Halibut fishing is done under federal subsistence fishing regulations.

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