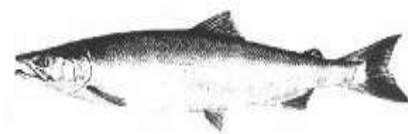


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FISH TRANSPORTER PERMITS: Fish Transporter Permits are required when one permit holder transports another permit holder's fish to a processor or to a tender for sale. Fish tickets are to be written when the transporter receives fish from another permit holder for transport. Fish Transporter Permit provisions are described in Alaska statute 16.05.671,

Sec. 16.05.671. Transportation and sale of certain fish by an agent of the fisherman who caught the fish.

(a) A person may transport and sell commercially taken fish as the agent of the commercial fisherman who caught the fish if the person holds a fish transporter permit issued by the commissioner under this section.

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(d) A commercial fisherman may authorize a fish transporter to transport and sell fish on behalf of the fisherman as the agent of the fisherman. The fish transporter shall complete a fish ticket in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department for each fisherman who transfers fish to the fish transporter. The fish ticket must accompany the fish transferred to the fish transporter while the fish are in possession of the fish transporter. The fish transporter shall present the fish ticket for inspection upon request by a peace officer or representative of the commissioner. The fish transporter shall present the fish ticket to the buyer of the fish at the time of sale. The buyer of the fish shall complete the fish ticket by inserting the buyer's information as required by the department, including the weight or count of fish purchased. The buyer shall return a copy of the fish ticket to the commercial fisherman on whose behalf the fish are sold.

(e) A commercial fisherman who transfers fish to a fish transporter to transport and sell fish on behalf of the fisherman shall provide the fish transporter with all required information that the fisherman would have to provide to the buyer of the fish if the fisherman were to personally sell the fish to the buyer. The fish transporter who sells fish as the agent of a commercial fisherman shall provide all information to the buyer of the fish that the commercial fisherman would have to provide to the buyer if the fisherman were to personally sell the fish.

(f) A commercial fisherman may also hold a fish transporter permit. A commercial fisherman who holds a fish transporter permit may simultaneously transport or sell fish that the fisherman caught as well as fish caught by other commercial fishermen. A commercial fisherman who is simultaneously operating as a fish transporter shall physically possess

(1) the fish ticket completed under (d) of this section for the fish being transported or sold on behalf of another fisherman; and

(2) other documentation that may be prescribed by the commissioner by regulation.

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(h) Fish transferred to the possession of a fish transporter under the authority of this section are property of the fisherman who caught the fish until the fish are sold to a buyer by the fish transporter on behalf of the fisherman.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) projects 306,000 hatchery released sockeye salmon will return to Resurrection Bay in 2019. Most of these fish will be targeted for cost recovery harvest; 12,800 are needed for escapement and broodstock. The remaining 62,000 fish will be available for common property harvest. Cost recovery operations will be voluntarily suspended within 100 feet of the water's edge in the Spring Creek area from the Seward Ships Drydock, north to the area of the sawdust pile from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 7 days per week.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: CIAA anticipates 127,000 sockeye and 2.1 million pink salmon to return to Southern District release sites. Pink salmon otoliths sampled from the common property purse seine fishery in 2018 were 78.6% hatchery marked. Sockeye salmon otoliths sampled from this fishery were 66.7% hatchery marked. Sockeye salmon otoliths sampled in 2018 from the commercial set gillnet fishery were 17.8% hatchery marked and pink salmon sampled from this fishery were 50.3% hatchery marked^a.

Set gillnet: Starting on Monday, June 3 specific waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) including the Port Graham Subdistrict, will open to commercial set gillnet harvest on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week beginning at 6:00 AM on Mondays and Thursdays as defined in 5AAC 21.320(a)(3).

^a 2018 LCI Annual Management Report, appendices F25, F29, F35, and F39. *In prep.* ADF&G, Fishery Management Report, Anchorage.

The following GPS coordinates define the seaward boundaries of areas in which commercial set gillnet harvest may occur as defined in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1)(A-D).

Halibut Cove:

- (1.) 59° 36.27' N. lat., 151° 13.10' W. long.,
- (2.) 59° 36.11' N. lat., 151° 12.58' W. long.,
- (3.) 59° 35.65' N. lat., 151° 12.60' W. long.,
- (4.) 59° 35.70' N. lat., 151° 12.12' W. long.

Barabara Point, Kasitsna Bay, and McDonald Spit:

- (1.) 59° 29.39' N. lat., 151° 38.76' W. long.,
- (2.) 59° 29.31' N. lat., 151° 38.20' W. long.,
- (3.) 59° 28.80' N. lat., 151° 36.12' W. long.,
- (4.) 59° 28.83' N. lat., 151° 35.44' W. long.,
- (5.) 59° 29.25' N. lat., 151° 34.53' W. long.,
- (6.) 59° 29.33' N. lat., 151° 34.47' W. long.,
- (7.) 59° 29.37' N. lat., 151° 34.20' W. long.,
- (8.) 59° 29.29' N. lat., 151° 33.89' W. long.,
- (9.) 59° 29.00' N. lat., 151° 33.16' W. long.,
- (10.) 59° 28.84' N. lat., 151° 33.18' W. long.,
- (11.) 59° 28.66' N. lat., 151° 33.91' W. long.,
- (12.) 59° 28.30' N. lat., 151° 33.84' W. long.,
- (13.) 59° 28.47' N. lat., 151° 32.68' W. long.,
- (14.) 59° 28.39' N. lat., 151° 32.11' W. long.,
- (15.) 59° 28.16' N. lat., 151° 32.03' W. long.

Seldovia:

- (1.) 59° 27.37' N. lat., 151° 44.63' W. long.,
- (2.) 59° 27.45' N. lat., 151° 44.41' W. long.,
- (3.) 59° 27.38' N. lat., 151° 44.22' W. long.,
- (4.) 59° 26.96' N. lat., 151° 44.19' W. long.,
- (5.) 59° 26.74' N. lat., 151° 43.78' W. long.,
- (6.) 59° 25.90' N. lat., 151° 44.12' W. long.,
- (7.) 59° 25.14' N. lat., 151° 43.53' W. long.

Port Graham:

- (1.) 59° 21.41' N. lat., 151° 56.77' W. long.,
- (2.) 59° 21.49' N. lat., 151° 56.31' W. long.,
- (3.) 59° 21.78' N. lat., 151° 56.10' W. long.,
- (4.) 59° 22.07' N. lat., 151° 55.04' W. long.
- (5.) 59° 22.04' N. lat., 151° 52.37' W. long.,
- (6.) 59° 21.71' N. lat., 151° 51.11' W. long.,
- (7.) 59° 21.66' N. lat., 151° 50.19' W. long.,
- (8.) 59° 21.37' N. lat., 151° 49.01' W. long.,
- (9.) 59° 21.06' N. lat., 151° 49.61' W. long.

Note the addition of point #1 off of Barabara Point, a correction made to point #4 in this area, as well as a correction to point #7 in the Seldovia area.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT- Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e) will open for the 2019 commercial purse seine season on June 1. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Effective June 17, the McNeil River Subdistrict and the Paint River Subdistrict will be closed until further notice. In addition, Chenik Lagoon will open up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek effective Monday, June 17.

OUTER DISTRICT: Western portions of the Outer District may open on July 15 based on aerial survey observations. The Delight Lake weir will be operated by Cook Inlet Aquaculture in July. Both Delight and Desire lakes will be aerial surveyed before weir installation and during operation. Waters in the Delight Lake area may open to commercial salmon harvest in June or July based on either weir passage or aerial survey observations. The anticipated Outer District pink salmon harvest for 2019 is 2.2 million fish. The last five odd-year Outer District pink salmon harvests (plus 2018) are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1.– Outer District harvest and escapement of pink salmon for odd-year returns, 2009-2017, plus 2018. Combined sustainable escapement goal (SEG) ranges shown for reference.

Year	Commercial harvest	Escapement	SEG (combined)
2009	853,000	460,443	55,700-245,600
2011	357,000	84,023	55,700-245,600
2013	2,015,000	366,434	55,700-245,600
2015	4,097,000	454,830	55,700-245,600
2017	1,244,000	200,826	60,900-229,800
2018	32,326	154,447	60,900-229,800

Note: Clark et al's (2014) 3-tier Percentile Approach using 0.20-0.60 percentiles began in 2016.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 7.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>