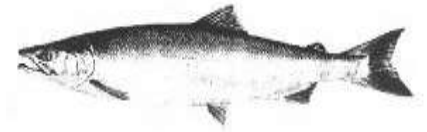


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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #2

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Set gillnet: Waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) remain 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).

Harvest from the Monday, June 3 fishing period was 33 Chinook and 674 sockeye salmon. This compares to last year's harvest from the first period of 6 Chinook and 101 sockeye salmon. The five-year harvest average for this period is 46 Chinook and 1,289 sockeye salmon. The English Bay River Weir was installed yesterday.

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:

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| (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:

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| (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:

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| (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:

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| (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.

Purse seine: Purse seine in the Southern District is anticipated to open on Monday, June 17 on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6:00 am to 10:00 pm fishing periods.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) cost recovery harvest is ongoing with 59,440 sockeye salmon harvested from saltwater through yesterday (6/6). This compares to 79,524 fish harvested by this date last year. Over the last 10 years an average of 42.0% of the final cost recovery harvest has been landed by this date. The average weight per fish is 4.2 pounds, last year at this date the average weight was 3.5 pounds. As of Wednesday, a total of 5,035 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Bear Creek weir. This compares to an anticipated passage for this date of 1,956 fish to achieve the combined maximum SEG and CIAA brood stock goal for this return. Cost recovery of excess males at the weir began on Wednesday.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 14.

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>