Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #4

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Effective Monday June 24, Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head will open to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, (16 hour) fishing periods. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) cost recovery at the Bear Creek weir is ongoing. Saltwater cost recovery of sockeye salmon returning to Resurrection Bay has concluded. Total cost recovery harvest through June 19 (both weir and seine) is 97,300 fish. This is below the anticipated CIAA cost recovery harvest goal of 230,900 sockeye salmon from Resurrection Bay.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT:** Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday June 24, Wednesday June 26, and Friday June 28 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA), and
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water boundary of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26). This definition can be found on page 69 of the 2017-2020 Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations book.

The China Poot Section will open on the above Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule, however beginning on Wednesday, June 26 the China Poot SHA will be closed to commercial common property salmon harvest.

**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 fishing periods to date is shown below in Table 1.

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

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The English Bay weir was installed on June 6. This is six days later than the normal start date for this method of assessing run strength in this system. Passage from June 7-18 was 811 sockeye salmon and is below the anticipated cumulative escapement goal for this system from June 1 through June 18 of 1,046–2,354 fish.

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.,
3.) 59° 35.65’ N. lat., 151° 12.60’ 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.,
4.) 59° 36.11’ N. lat., 151° 12.58’ 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° 27.75' N. lat., 151° 44.41' W. long.,
(2.) 59° 27.38' N. lat., 151° 44.22' W. long.,  (4.) 59° 27.69' 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.,
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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:** Effective Monday, June 24 waters of the Kirschner Lake SHA are closed to commercial common property salmon harvest until further notice. The McNeil River Subdistrict and the Paint River Subdistrict remain closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice. Waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33’ W. long. are open to commercial salmon harvest (Figure 1). Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day.

![Figure 1. Closed waters line. Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33’ W. long. is closed.](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon)

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 28.

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: