Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #23

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Friday, August 16 the Taylor Bay and Port Dick Outer sections will open for a 16 hour commercial purse seine salmon harvest fishing period. All other waters of the Port Dick Subdistrict remain closed.

The following areas remain open on a Monday-Friday schedule of 16 hour commercial fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days,

- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict excluding the Dogfish Bay lagoon,
- waters of the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- waters of the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- waters of the Rocky Bay Subdistrict,
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00’ N. lat., 150° 48.00’ W. longitude, and
- waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict. Regulatory closed waters that apply to Delight Lake (5AAC 21.350(f)(12)) have been suspended. The Delight Lake freshwater lagoon, and the channel draining the freshwater lagoon remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Approximately 500 sockeye salmon were observed on Monday August 12 on an aerial survey just offshore of the falls at Kirschner Lake.

The 500-yard anadromous waters restrictions for Chenik Lagoon, Brown’s Peak Creek and Sunday Creek are rescinded. Commercial fishing will be permitted up to the fresh water boundaries of Chenik Creek, Brown’s Peak Creek, and Sunday Creek using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26) on page 69 of the 2017-2020 Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations book.

The McNeil River Subdistrict and the Paint River Subdistrict remain closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice.

Remaining subdistricts in the Kamishak District are open to commercial purse seine harvest. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 16.

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: