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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #25

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 19 the following areas will open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest on a schedule of Monday through Friday 16-hour fishing periods opening at 6:00 AM on those days,

- waters of the Taylor Bay Section,
- waters of the Port Dick Outer Section,
- 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.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Effective on Monday, August 19 waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict excluding the Port Graham Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) will open to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. In addition, waters of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery SHA offshore of the HEA powerlines also opens on this schedule beginning at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 19. Finally, also effective on Monday, August 19 all anadromous waters closures in the area of the Neptune Bay Section are reinstated.

The following areas remain open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Humpy Creek Subdistrict up to the fresh water boundary of Humpy 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 Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay SHA (see previous paragraph),
- the China Poot Section, excluding the China Poot SHA, and
- the Neptune Bay Section.

Set gillnet: Specific 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).

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Approximately 500 sockeye salmon were observed in the Kirschner SHA on August 12. 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 23.

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>