SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: This news release supersedes only the portion of Lower Cook Inlet news release #27 that pertains to the Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) in Lower Cook Inlet.

Effective at 6:00 AM Friday, August 23 the Hazel Lake SHA is CLOSED to commercial common property purse seine harvest.

A ground survey of China Poot Creek on Tuesday, August 20 counted 799 pink salmon. The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) range for pink salmon in China Poot Creek is 2,500-6,300 fish. Beginning in 2016 the final escapement count for this system has been below the minimum SEG. In recent years approximately 50% of the final pink salmon escapement to this system has been counted by this date.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 30.

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