

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #31**

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Effective at 6:00 AM on Saturday, September 7 regulatory closed waters that pertain to Slide Creek, Port Dick Creek, and Island Creek in the Port Dick Subdistrict, (5AAC 21.350(f)(8) and (10)) are reinstated. Also effective at 6:00 AM on Saturday, September 7 the closed waters line in Taylor Bay defined in 5AAC 21.350(f)(3) is moved back to 59° 18.00' N. latitude. Waters north of this latitude are CLOSED to commercial fishing.

The following areas remain open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest seven days per week with fishing periods on those days beginning at 6:00 AM and ending at 10:00 PM,

- 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 Port Dick 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:** 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 portion of the Tutka Bay SHA southeast of the Homer Electric Association powerlines,
- the China Poot Section excluding the China Poot SHA,
- the Neptune Bay Section excluding the Hazel Lake SHA, and
- the Port Graham Subdistrict excluding the Port Graham SHA.

**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:** 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, Sept 13.**

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>