The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has established a season for the commercial harvest of detached kelp that has washed up on beaches in Lower Cook Inlet. Participants in this commercial harvest must have in their possession at the time of collection a Commissioner’s Permit that defines the dates and areas of harvest, as well as the quantity of detached kelp that may be harvested. The permit also requires accurate documentation of the harvest as well as the timely reporting back to the department of this and other information. In addition, commercial harvesters will need a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission commercial permit to harvest kelp. Here is a link to the appropriate form for this,

https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf

The fishery code for this permit will be Z99B.

To apply for a Commissioner’s Permit for the harvest of detached kelp in Lower Cook Inlet, please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in Homer.

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:


Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.