

**Division of Commercial Fisheries**  
**Sam Rabung, Director**

Homer Area Office  
3298 Douglas Place  
Homer, AK 99603



**Alaska Department of Fish and Game**  
**Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner**

PO Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526  
[www.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov)

## **Advisory Announcement**

*For Immediate Release: June 23, 2020*

**CONTACT: Jan Rumble and Elisa Russ**

**Shellfish Management Biologists**  
**(907) 235-8191**

### **Cook Inlet Area Scallop Season Closure Emergency Order # 2-SF-H-01-20**

The Cook Inlet Area, Registration Area H, commercial weathervane scallop fishery **will remain closed** for the 2020 season.

The Cook Inlet Area fishery has been closed in the Kamishak District North bed since 2018 and in the South bed since 2009. ADF&G survey results in 2019 from the Kamishak District North bed indicate estimated scallop biomass is still low compared to historical levels, with a slight increase from 2018 levels when scallop biomass and abundance in both beds were the lowest in the history of the survey. Although abundance in the North bed did increase in 2019, there was not a corresponding increase in biomass since a significant proportion of scallops were very small (<50 mm) and not of harvestable size. The continued closure of the Cook Inlet Area fishery is warranted due to continued low stock levels and to protect potential future recruitment of young scallops.

### **COVID-19**

Under Alaska Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>.

-end-