



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #6

EASTERN DISTRICT: The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will be closed to commercial purse seine salmon harvest from Saturday, July 3 through Monday, July 5. This area will be open from Tuesday, July 6 through Friday, July 9 for daily 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM commercial purse seine fishing periods.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishing periods with commercial purse seine fishing permitted from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days.

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
 - the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),
 - the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26), and
 - the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west longitude, and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west longitude.
- See Figure 1 below,

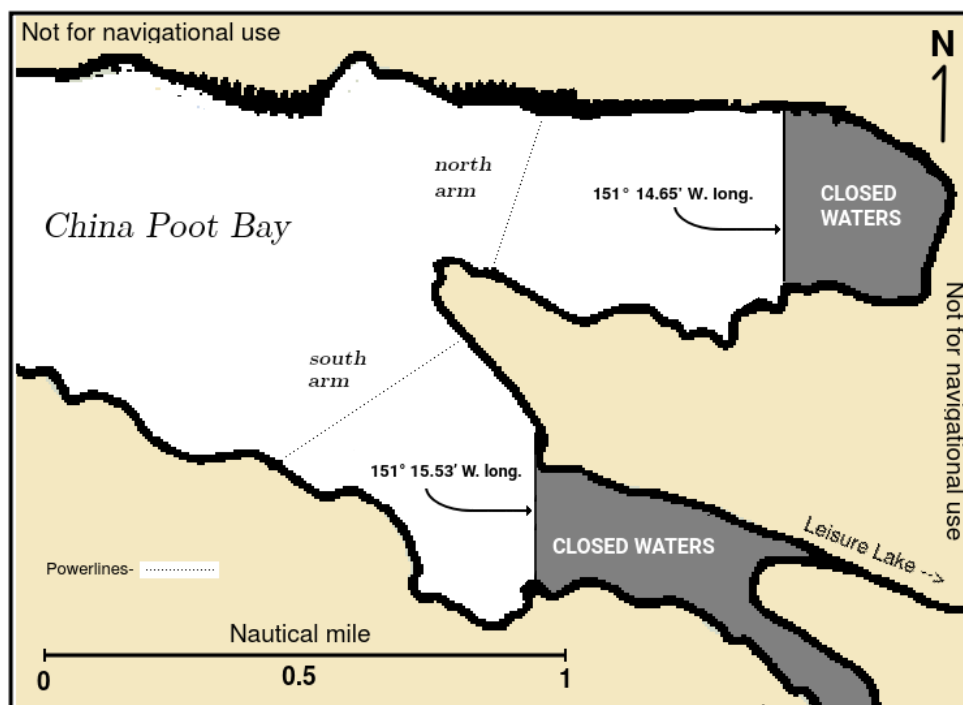


Figure 1.- China Poot Bay area showing "CLOSED WATERS" portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

Set gillnet: 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). Harvest from fishing periods to date is shown in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2021 del.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/2	7	40	49	12	949	367	202	0	0		23	7	20
2.)	6/3-6/5	7	30	54	29	881	482	440	13	0		25	17	23
3.)	6/7-6/9	7	38	59	18	1,077	505	822	0	0		60	30	56
4.)	6/10-6/12	8	48	65	23	1,033	638	941	2	0		145	81	38
5.)	6/14-6/16	10	39	35	34	1,022	364	1,212	1	0	1	119	34	88
6.)	6/17-6/19	9	35	36	29	1,436	620	517	44	0		207	25	30
7.)	6/21-6/23	10	35	12	18	1,320	893	1,042	50	0	3	217	45	94
8.)	6/24-6/26	7	32	11	11	1,639	876	863	118	5		283	104	57
9.)	6/28-6/30	10	26	21	11	1,727	1,202	1,563	459	207	11	360	181	278
period 1-9 sum			321	342	185	11,083	5,947	7,602	687	212	15	1,437	524	684

The English Bay River weir is currently not operating.

OUTER DISTRICT: Beginning next week, aerial surveys of the Outer District will be flown to document chum and sockeye salmon escapement. The Delight Lake weir is being operated this season by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association staff.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake SHA remain open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. remain open to commercial salmon harvest. See Figure 2 at right. As of approximately 12 noon on 6/28, a total of 664 sockeye salmon have entered Chenik Lake. This is above the anticipated range for this date of 104 - 492 fish to achieve a SEG range of 2,900 – 13,700 fish by July 31.

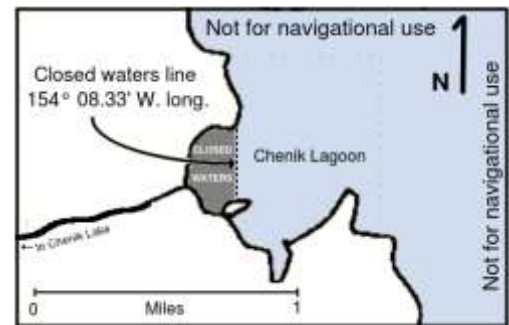


Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

COVID-19: Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/COVID-19> and may also be accessed by scanning the quick read (QR) code at right using a smart phone.



The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 9.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Current Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing regulation books are available at ADF&G offices, and online here: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020_2022_cf_cook_inlet_salmon.pdf

This website may also be accessed by scanning the QR code at right.

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>,

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