



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #10

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OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open beginning at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 26 on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16 hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. These areas are,

- the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Head End, and the Middle Creek sections of the Port Dick Subdistrict, and
- the Island Creek Section of the Port Dick Subdistrict south of a line between a point at 59° 17.03' N. lat., 151° 10.50' W. long., and another point at 59° 15.97' N. lat., 151° 05.48' W. longitude. See Figure 1 at right.

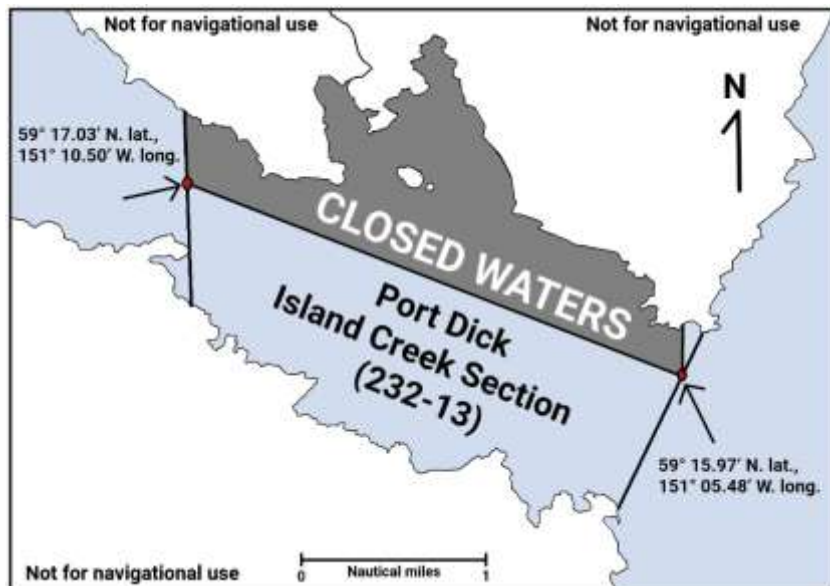


Figure 1.- Waters closed to commercial fishing in Port Dick Island Creek Section.

An aerial survey was flown of the Outer District on Monday, July 19 and a foot survey of Port Dick Creek conducted earlier today. General salmon escapement observations from these excursions were commensurate with those anticipated for this date, and support limited commercial fishing harvest at this time. The Delight Lake weir was installed on July 7. Through July 22 a total of 3,136 sockeye salmon have been passed at the weir towards a sustainable escapement goal of 7,500-17,650 fish. An additional 480 sockeye were observed on an aerial survey in the lake prior to the weir installation.

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. Cumulative commercial common property harvest from the Kamishak District to date is 53,601 sockeye, and 103 pink salmon with more than two permit holders reporting deliveries.

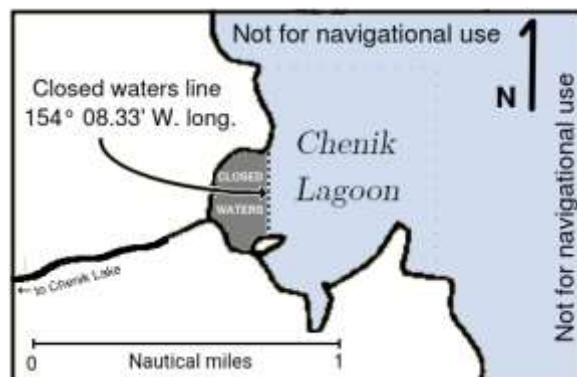


Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: 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 to date is shown in Table 1 below,

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

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			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.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/2	7	40	49	12	949	367	202							23	7	20
2.)	6/3-6/5	7	30	54	29	881	482	440				13			25	17	23
3.)	6/7-6/9	7	38	59	18	1,077	505	822	1						60	30	56
4.)	6/10-6/12	8	48	65	23	1,033	638	941	1			2			145	81	38
5.)	6/14-6/16	10	39	35	34	1,022	364	1,212				1		1	119	34	88
6.)	6/17-6/19	9	35	36	29	1,436	620	517	15			44			207	25	30
7.)	6/21-6/23	10	35	12	18	1,320	893	1,042	21	1		50		3	217	45	94
8.)	6/24-6/26	7	32	11	11	1,639	876	863	6	2		118	5		283	104	57
9.)	6/28-6/30	10	26	21	11	1,727	1,202	1,563	12	2		459	207	11	360	181	278
10.)	7/1-7/3	9	19	7	5	1,921	1,166	1,222	41	8		694	320	254	409	184	483
11.)	7/5-7/7	7	21	8	8	2,295	1,043	913	161	24	2	1,154	884	233	434	147	237
12.)	7/8-7/10	6	20	14	5	2,076	869	347	355	261	9	1,812	1,581	124	505	182	93
13.)	7/12-7/14	6	15	16	2	2,259	1,098	337	347	499	46	2,147	2,947	807	457	288	210
14.)	7/15-7/17	7	14	7	5	2,192	879	532	460	554	176	2,983	6,889	1,128	528	216	257
15.)	7/19-7/21	9	5	3	9	1,337	285	405	248	228	81	2,540	3,159	624	336	75	142
period 1-15 sum			414	397	219	23,162	11,287	11,358	1,668	1,579	314	12,016	15,992	3,185	4,107	1,616	2,106

The English Bay River weir is currently not operating.

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.

Through July 21, a total of 68,148 sockeye salmon have been harvested from the Southern District by commercial purse seine permit holders. Last year's seine harvest for this area as of this date was 64,822 fish.

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 30.

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>,

which may also be accessed by scanning the adjacent QR code,

