



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #11

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OUTER DISTRICT: Effective Friday, July 30, the following areas will open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. These areas are,

- the Taylor Bay section of Port Dick, and
- 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. long.,

The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM 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.

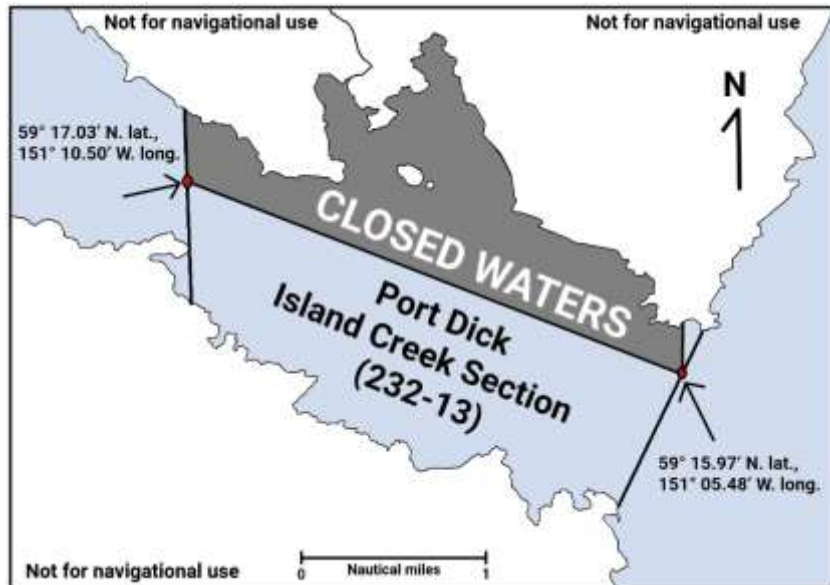


Figure 1.- Waters closed to commercial fishing in Port Dick Island Creek Section.

Through July 28 a total of 6,486 sockeye salmon have been counted in Desire Lake towards a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 7,500-17,650 fish. An aerial survey flown today documented fewer than 1,000 fish in the creek below the Delight Lake weir, and no fish in the freshwater lagoon.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Friday July 30 waters of Chenik Lagoon are open up to the fresh water boundary of Chenik Creek using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26) on page 93 of the 2020-2022 Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations book.

Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area (SHA) remain open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Cumulative commercial common property harvest from the Kamishak District to date is 58,700 sockeye salmon. Cumulative passage into Chenik Lake is 15,456 sockeye salmon. This is above the SEG of 2,900-13,700 fish for this system.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Effective at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 2 waters of the China Poot SHA and Hazel Lake SHA are closed to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Also on August 2 at 6:00 AM, waters of 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 93 of the 2020-2022 Cook Inlet Area Commercial

Salmon Fishing Regulations book will open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days.

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,
- the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the China Poot and Hazel Lake SHAs.

Through July 26, a total of 70,152 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 68,268 fish.

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). The English Bay River weir is currently not operating.

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, August 6.

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,

