



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #15

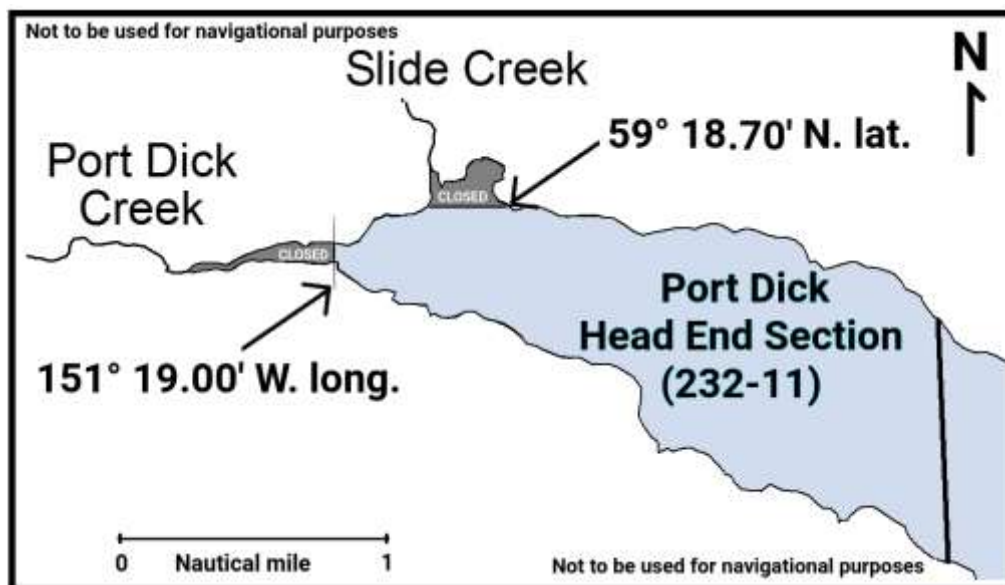
OUTER DISTRICT: Effective Monday, August 9 the Island Creek Section of the Port Dick Subdistrict is closed until further notice.

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,

- 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 Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
- the Taylor Bay, the Head End, and the Middle Creek sections of the Port Dick Subdistrict.

Closed waters at the head of Port Dick ((5AAC 21.350(f)(8)) that are associated with Port Dick and Slide creeks remain modified per LCI Salmon Fishery Announcement #14. Commercial salmon fishing is permitted in waters of the Head End Section that are both south of 59° 18.70' N. lat. and east of 151° 19.00' W. long. See Figure 1 below,

Figure 1.- Head End Section of the Port Dick Subdistrict showing waters closed to commercial salmon harvest at Slide Creek and Port Dick Creek. Waters north of 59° 18.70' N. lat. are closed at Slide Creek. Waters of Port Dick Creek west of 151° 19.00' W. long. are closed.



Harvest from the Outer District is 209,893 pink and 17,159 chum salmon with 9 permit holders reporting deliveries.

The final count of sockeye salmon in Delight Lake is 7,525 fish towards a weir based sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 7,500-17,650 fish.

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 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,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,

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

- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area.

Harvest from the Southern District is 73,500 sockeye and 41,891 pink salmon with 13 permit holders reporting deliveries.

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.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict, remain open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. 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. Anadromous waters closures for the Bruin River downstream of and including the “Pothole” located at 59° 22.82’ N. lat., 154° 09.03’ W. long. are rescinded. Commercial purse seine salmon fishing is permitted seaward of this location.

Harvest from the Kamishak District is 71,166 sockeye, 28,545 pink and 3,066 chum salmon with 4 permit holders reporting deliveries.

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 13.

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,

