



## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #16

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Effective Monday, August 16 the closed waters area defined in 5AAC 21.350(f)(8) for the Head End Section of Port Dick is reinstated until further notice. Waters of Port Dick west of a line from 59° 18.16' N. lat., 151° 17.33' W. long. to 59° 18.60' N. lat., 151° 17.10' W. long. are closed.

Effective Monday, August 16 the East Nuka Subdistrict is open to commercial purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on those days.

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.

Through Wednesday, August 11 harvest from the Outer District is 364,938 pink and 18,220 chum salmon with 10 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:** Effective Monday, August 16 waters of Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) northwest of a line between a point at 59° 28.22' N. lat., 151° 27.85' W. long., and another point at 59° 28.76' N. lat., 151° 26.75' W. long. (see Figure 1 at right) will open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on those days. 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,



Figure 1.- Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA showing waters closed to commercial common property salmon harvest.

-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 southeast of a line between a point at 59° 28.22' N. lat., 151° 27.85' W. long., and another point at 59° 28.76' N. lat., 151° 26.75' W. long.

Harvest through August 11 from the Southern District is 73,523 sockeye and 41,891 pink salmon with 14 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).

**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 through August 11 from the Kamishak District is 71,166 sockeye, 78,047 pink and 3,315 chum salmon with 5 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 20.**

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](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,

