



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #17

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM, Friday, August 20 the following waters of the Outer District are open on a schedule of 7 day per week, 16 hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM 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,
- the east Nuka Subdistrict,
- in the Port Dick Subdistrict, the Head End, and the Middle Creek sections, and waters of the Taylor Bay Section south of a line at 59° 18.70' N. latitude.

Through Monday, August 16 harvest from the Outer District is 666,853 pink and 19,167 chum salmon with 10 permit holders reporting deliveries.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Effective at 6:00 AM on Friday, August 20 the following waters of the Southern District are open on a schedule of 7 day per week, 16 hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. These areas are,

- 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.

In addition, waters of the Humpy Creek Subdistrict are closed to commercial salmon harvest effective at this time as well.

Purse seine harvest from the Southern District is 73,523 sockeye and 41,891 pink salmon with 14 permit holders reporting deliveries. The most recent seine delivery from the Southern District occurred on August 4.

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 16 from the Kamishak District is 71,883 sockeye, 78,173 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 27.

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,

