



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #20

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas remain open 7 days per week, with 16 hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM each day,

- 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 Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the east Nuka Subdistrict,
- in the Port Dick Subdistrict, the Outer, the Head End, the Middle Creek, and Island Creek sections, and waters of the Taylor Bay Section south of a line at 59° 18.70' N. latitude.
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict,

Through Wednesday, August 25 preliminary harvest from the Outer District is estimated at 1.4 million pink and 19,954 chum salmon with 13 permit holders reporting deliveries.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: The following areas remain open 7 days per week, with daily 16 hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM occurring,

- 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.

Purse seine harvest from the Southern District is 73,795 sockeye and 32,625 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).

Total set gillnet harvest with 16 permit holders delivering was 233 Chinook, 13,123 sockeye, 1,282 coho, 3,488 pink, and 2,252 chum salmon. Note that of those 16, five were dual permits. The most recent delivery occurred on Aug. 6.

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 to date from the Kamishak District is 71,883 sockeye, 65,598 pink and 4,443 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.



Purse seine and set gillnet commercial salmon fisheries in Lower Cook Inlet will close for the 2021 season at 11:59 PM on September 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,

