



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #8

General seine: The following areas in addition to those waters listed in 5AAC 21.350 remain closed to commercial purse seine salmon fishing until further notice:

- 1.) waters at the head end of Tutka Bay southeast of a line from 59° 25.51' N. lat., 151° 19.01' W. long., to 59° 25.14' N. lat., 151° 19.51' W. long.,
- 2.) waters of South Nuka Bay east of a line from 59° 18.62' N. lat., 150° 42.86' W. long., to 59° 18.13' N. lat., 150° 43.11' W. long.,
- 3.) waters of James Lagoon west of a line from 59° 34.11' N. lat., 150° 23.04' W. long., to 59° 33.05' N. lat., 150° 24.74' W. long.,
- 4.) waters of Aialik Bay and lagoon north of a line from 59° 52.58' N. lat., 149° 44.62' W. long., to 59° 52.75' N. lat., 149° 44.12' W. long.,
- 5.) waters of Rocky Cove inshore of a line from 59° 26.98' N. lat., 153° 44.36' W. long., to 59° 26.37' N. lat., 153° 43.92' W. long.,
- 6.) waters of McNeil Lagoon and bay inshore of a line from 59° 7.52' N. lat., 154° 15.00' W. long., to 59° 07.40' N. lat., 154° 14.20' W. long.,
- 7.) waters of Iniskin Bay north of 59° 43.85' N. lat., and waters of Iniskin Bay east of 153° 22.60' W. long., and
- 8.) waters of Bruin Bay west of 154° 04.95' W. longitude.

As a reminder, unless otherwise specified in regulation or by emergency order, commercial fishing for salmon is prohibited at all times within 500 yards of the fresh water of a salmon stream and over the beds or channels of streams and rivers at all stages of the tide. Fresh water is considered separated from salt water, at the mouth of streams and rivers, by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide.

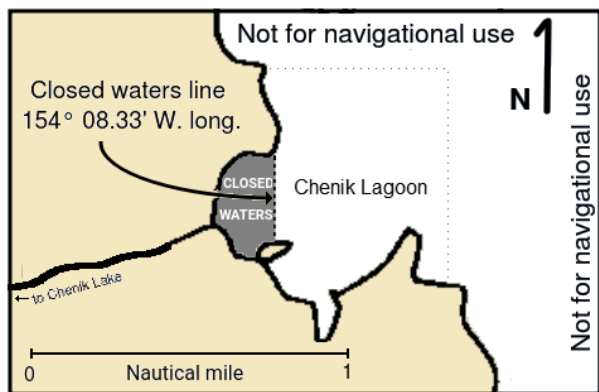


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Chenik Subdistrict will close to commercial purse seine harvest at 11:59 PM on Sunday, July 3 until further notice. Waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 1) remain open to commercial salmon harvest through July 3. An aerial survey of Chenik Lagoon documented 3,900 sockeye salmon. Harvest from this area is confidential due to fewer than three permit holders reporting deliveries from this area. A total of 79 sockeye salmon have been counted in Chenik Lake towards an SEG of 2,900 – 13,700 fish. Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District, excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and Kirschner SHA remain open on a schedule of 7-days per week, 24-hours per day fishing periods.

OUTER DISTRICT: Portions of the Outer District are anticipated to open on Monday, July 18 on a schedule of Monday – Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. The weir at Delight Lake will be installed on July 5. Portions of McCarty Fjord may open to commercial salmon harvest on short notice when Delight Lake achieves its escapement goal. An aerial survey of Delight Lake on June 27 observed 950 sockeye salmon in the lake and freshwater lagoon.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: 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). Harvest to date from this fishery is shown in Table 1.

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

	period		Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	dates	2022 del.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.
1.)	6/2-6/4	7	24	12	22	533	202	815	12	20	29
2.)	6/6-6/8	9	25	29	22	500	440	858	13	23	52
3.)	6/9-6/11	8	28	18	26	576	828	888	25	60	131
4.)	6/13-6/15	8	36	23	18	842	941	1,091	42	38	49
5.)	6/16-6/18	9	32	34	11	976	1,217	1,174	73	88	38
6.)	6/20-6/22	8	30	35	21	887	551	1,576	118	30	197
7.)	6/23-6/25	11	24	18	12	1,114	1,056	1,842	139	95	113
8.)	6/27-6/29	9	22	11	12	1,386	863	2,268	193	57	141
period 1-8 sum			220	180	144	6,813	6,098	10,512	615	411	750

Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open for 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until further notice,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area,
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26), and
- the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west longitude, and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west longitude (Figure 2). General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 5AAC 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in China Poot and Neptune Bay sections until further notice.

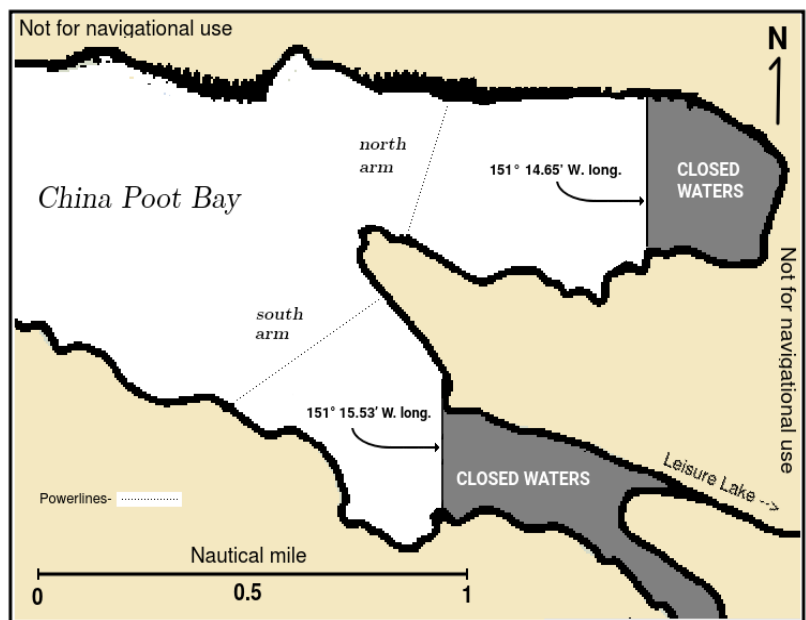


Figure 2.- China Poot Bay area showing “CLOSED WATERS” portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Resurrection Bay is closed on Monday, July 4 to commercial salmon fishing. Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head is open to commercial common property purse seine harvest from Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 8 on a schedule of 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. Commercial purse seine salmon fishing is permitted up to the freshwater of Bear Creek using the definition of fresh water located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 8.

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,

