



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #14

LCI salmon harvest is ongoing with six commercial purse seine and twelve commercial set gillnet permit holders reporting deliveries. Aerial surveys of the Eastern, Outer, and Kamishak districts generally documented anticipated levels of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon returns for this date.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Beginning July 14 waters of the Aialik Bay Subdistrict opened to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a daily schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. The following day, the waters of Peterson Lagoon (Figure 1) opened on this schedule as well.

An aerial survey flown on July 13 documented 4,150 sockeye salmon in Aialik Lake. This is within the 3,400 – 11,000 fish SEG range for this species and system. There has been no commercial common property salmon harvest in 2025 from the Eastern District.

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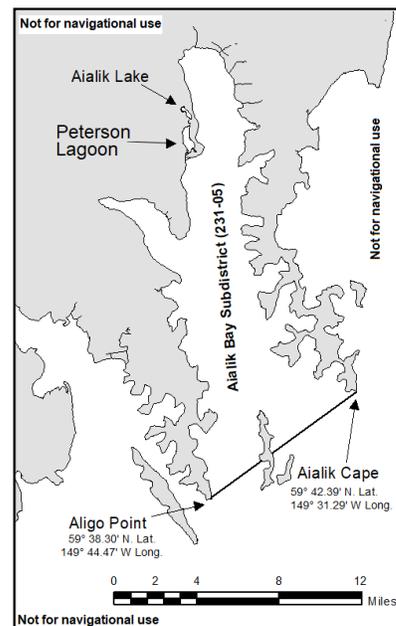


Figure 1.- Portion of the Eastern District showing Aialik Bay Subdistrict and Peterson Lagoon.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Beginning July 14, subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area opened on a daily schedule of 24-hour fishing periods.

The Chenik Subdistrict including the portion of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 2) opened on July 2 on a schedule of daily 24-hour fishing periods.

The Chenik video counting station has documented 4,800 salmon entering Chenik Lake towards an SEG range of 2,900 – 13,700 fish. An aerial survey conducted on July 15 documented over 22,000 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. Harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict is confidential due to fewer than three permits reporting deliveries.

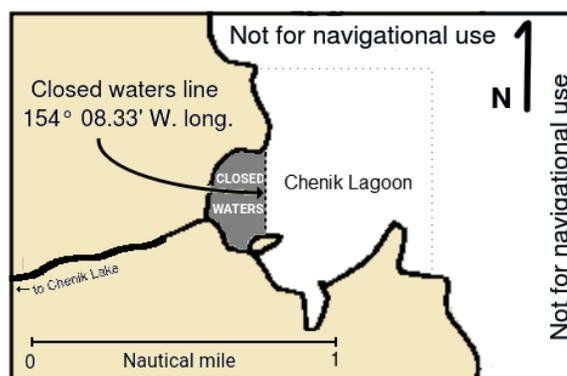


Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. long. is closed.

OUTER DISTRICT: On July 14, waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict opened on a schedule of daily 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Salmon escapements to McCarty Fjord systems are as anticipated with 3,530 counted in Desire Lake (SEG 4,800 – 11,900), and 1,970 counted in Delight Lake and Lagoon (SEG 5,100 – 10,600). McCarty Fjord systems have been above their assigned SEG levels in many recent years. There has been no harvest to date reported from the Outer District.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour commercial fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days,
 -the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
 -the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) 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., and
 -the Neptune Bay and China Poot Bay sections, excluding the Hazel Lake and China Poot SHAs.

Commercial common property seine harvest to date from the Southern District is approximately 40,000 sockeye salmon.

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 from last week’s fishing periods is shown in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District 2025 set gillnet harvests (n-fish) by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

	period		Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2025 del.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.
1.)	6/2-6/4	5	21	11	3	434	141	210	0	0		0	0	6	14	1	200
2.)	6/5-6/7	5	26	8	4	514	252	198	0	0		0	0		22	3	13
3.)	6/9-6/11	5	28	13	10	697	304	329	0	0		0	0		49	1	32
4.)	6/12-6/14	5	25	9	20	772	255	441	0	0		0	0	2	42	6	109
5.)	6/16-6/18	5	24	19	22	901	794	331	1	1		1	1		45	35	51
6.)	6/19-6/21	6	23	11	9	941	574	659	0	0		4	0	1	69	14	80
7.)	6/23-6/25	5	16	6	3	1,260	1,525	598	1	0		3	1		83	93	77
8.)	6/26-6/28	6	13	6	4	1,247	1,163	1,175	2	0		7	5	7	92	51	113
9.)	6/30-7/2	7	9	4	7	1,919	3,151	2,170	2	2	1	57	10	27	198	167	312
10.)	7/3-7/5	7	9	5	3	2,026	4,426	2,711	4	3	4	182	17	95	235	175	429
11.)	7/7-7/9	8	7	5	7	1,467	3,947	2,825	8	5	2	326	40	120	173	172	513
12.)	7/10-7/12	8	6	4	3	1,050	1,986	3,206	57	1	48	492	51	123	135	103	408
13.)	7/14-7/16	6	6	0	2	1,157	2,269	2,017	158	2	19	997	75	56	194	102	258
period 1-13 sum			213	101	97	14,385	20,787	16,870	233	14	74	2,070	200	437	1,351	923	2,595

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, (5AAC 39.975(a)(26)).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 25.

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/2024_2027_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>



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