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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #7

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Effective Monday, June 23 at 12:01 AM waters of the Chenik, McNeil, and Paint River subdistricts are closed to commercial salmon harvest. Remaining waters of the Kamishak Bay District excluding the Kirschner Lake Special Harvest Area (SHA), remain open to commercial harvest. Video monitoring of Chenik Lake has documented 22 sockeye salmon entering the lake prior to 10AM on June 18.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: within the Southern District, the following areas will open for a 16 hour period on Monday June 23, and on Thursday June 26 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,
 -the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA,
 -the China Poot Section, excluding the China Poot SHA,
 -the Neptune Bay Section, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA, and
 -the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding the Halibut Cove SHA.

These Special Harvest Areas are defined by regulation on pages 26-28 in the 2014-2017 Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations book which is available at the Homer ADF&G office.

Set gillnet- Within the Southern District, portions of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay, the Halibut Cove and the Seldovia Bay subdistricts remain open to set gillnet harvest on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Set gillnet harvest to date is shown below,

Table 1.-Southern District set gillnet commercial salmon harvest: this year, last year, and previous 10-year harvest.

Period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
pd. #	Start date	Del.	10-yr avg.	2013 harvest	2014 harvest	10-yr avg.	2013 harvest	2014 harvest	10-yr avg.	2013 harvest	2014 harvest
1	6/2	7	141	20	19	1,154	1,777	2,184	21	29	27
2	6/5	6	109	36	21	2,383	3,485	904	49	49	26
3	6/9	7	79	34	44	1,527	3,449	2,063	68	78	87
4	6/12	6	72	29	29	1,954	2,309	723	146	99	54
5	6/16	6	45	18	51	833	1,544	1,472	63	59	115
6	6/19	na	56	14	na	1,800	2,358	na	110	63	na
period 1-5 sum			446	137	140	7,851	12,564	7,346	347	314	309

On Monday, June 16, 452 sockeye salmon were reported passed through the English Bay weir for a seasons total of 1,857 sockeye salmon. There have been no reports of fish passage since that date. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict, including both the Port Graham and English Bay sections, will remain CLOSED to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing until further notice as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to English Bay lakes.

OUTER DISTRICT: An aerial survey of portions of the Outer District is anticipated to be flown next week.

Hatchery update: As of June 19, CIAA has harvested 113,000 sockeye salmon from Resurrection Bay valued at \$1.3 million towards a final cost recovery goal of \$2.9 million. CIAA hatchery SHAs will remain closed to allow for corporate cost recovery harvest of the 42,000 sockeye and 368,000 pink salmon not required for broodstock that are anticipated to return. These fish are worth an estimated \$700 thousand dollars overall. Commercial common property harvest may occur in hatchery SHAs if the cost recovery goal is achieved or its achievement can be projected.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 27.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

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>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.