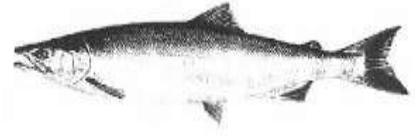


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SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: The following areas will open to commercial purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM beginning on Monday, August 18,

- the Humpy Creek Subdistrict south of 59° 40.74' N. lat. (Mallard Bay),
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict including the Halibut Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA),
- the China Poot Section *excluding* the China Poot SHA,
- the Neptune Bay Section including the Hazel Lake SHA,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict north of the latitude of Quarry Point (59° 30.23' N. lat.),
- the Seldovia Subdistrict, and

-waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict east of the eastern tip of Passage Island (151° 52.30' W. long.) excluding the Port Graham SHA. The Closed Waters line described in 5 AAC 21.350(d)(7) has been moved southwards to 59° 19.45' N. lat. Waters south of this line remain closed.

Set gillnet: All waters of the Southern District listed in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) are open to commercial 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.

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM beginning on Monday, August 18,

- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict west of 151° 49.368' W. long.,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
- waters of the Port Dick Subdistrict
 - +excluding waters of the Port Dick Island Creek Section north of a line between a point at 59° 17.11' N. lat., 151° 09.68' W. long., and another point at 59° 16.17' N. lat., 151° 05.76' W. long., and
 - +excluding the Taylor Bay Section and Port Dick Outer Section,

The East Nuka Subdistrict is **CLOSED** until further notice.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Kirschner Lake SHA are open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest. In addition, closed waters restrictions for the Bruin River up to the upstream boundary of the "Pothole" are rescinded. Commercial fishing is permitted in the Bruin Bay River Pothole. The location of the Bruin River Pothole is 59° 22.88' N. lat., 154° 9.16' W. long.

The following areas remain closed to commercial purse seine harvest,

- waters of Akumwarvik Bay inshore of a line from 59° 03.31' N. lat., 154° 11.241' W. long., to a point on the island at 59° 02.818' N. lat., 154° 10.177' W. long. to a point on the west shore at 59° 02.321' N. lat., 154° 07.080' W. long.
- waters of the Douglas River area inshore of a line from 59° 03.778' N. lat., 153° 46.085' W. long., to a point at 59° 03.945' N. lat., 153° 45.089' W. long.

Remaining waters of the Kamishak Bay District excluding the McNeil, and Paint River subdistricts are open to commercial harvest. Fishing remains open in Chenik Lagoon up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 22.

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.