

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #7**

**SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES:** Waters of the Port Graham Section of the Port Graham Subdistrict will open on a schedule of 7-days per week until further notice. The Port Graham Subdistrict remains CLOSED to commercial harvest. The English Bay Section remains on the schedule currently defined in regulation (5AAC 01.560(b)(3)) where fishing periods begin on Thursdays at 10pm and ends on Wednesdays at 10am.

Sockeye salmon passage through the English Bay weir has been significant with a total of 1,600 fish passed through as of Thursday, June 11. While this is above the anticipated range for June 11 of 279 - 627 fish required to meet the Sustainable Escapement Goal on July 31 of 6,000 – 13,500 sockeye salmon, this return appears to be early and possibly compressed as was the case in 2014. Consequently, the department is exercising caution in assigning further subsistence (or any commercial fishing) opportunity until this return has progressed further.

If you have further questions please contact Glenn Hollowell (907/235-8191) with the Division of Commercial Fisheries in Homer, or Malla Kukkonen (907/267-2119) with the Division of Subsistence in Anchorage.

### **The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 19.**

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.