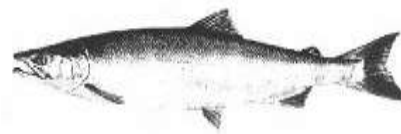


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SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: within the Southern District, the following areas will open for a 16 hour period on Monday June 22, Wednesday June 24, and on Friday June 26 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- 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: Specific waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) excluding the Port Graham Subdistrict are 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). Preliminary set gillnet harvest to date, as well as historic harvests are shown below,

Period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	Dates	Del.	5-yr avg.	2014 harv.	2015 harv.	5-yr avg.	2014 harv.	2015 harv.	5-yr avg.	2014 harv.	2015 harv.
1	6/1 - 6/3	11	15	33	39	1,256	2,492	490	31	59	50
2	6/4 - 6/6	9	17	22	14	1,198	904	281	21	26	65
3	6/8 - 6/10	10	23	47	58	1,377	2,063	638	45	88	185
4	6/11 - 6/13	10	15	17	89	833	417	1,631	45	22	773
5	6/15 - 6/17	11	12	27	72	798	1,504	916	44	115	441
cumulative		51	80	146	272	5,463	7,380	3,956	187	310	1,514

The Port Graham Subdistrict will remain closed to commercial set gillnet harvest until sockeye salmon passage at the English Bay weir is consistently tracking to achieve the 6,000 – 13,500 fish sustainable escapement goal for the English Bay River. Through yesterday, a total of 2,192 sockeye salmon had been counted at the weir.

The following GPS coordinates define the seaward boundaries of areas in which commercial set gillnet harvest may occur as defined in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1)(A-D).

Halibut Cove:

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| (1.) 59° 36.27' N. lat., 151° 13.10' W. long., | (2.) 59° 36.11' N. lat., 151° 12.58' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 35.65' N. lat., 151° 12.60' W. long., | (4.) 59° 35.70' N. lat., 151° 12.12' W. long. |

Barabara Point, Kasitsna Bay, and McDonald Spit:

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| (1.) 59° 29.31' N. lat., 151° 38.20' W. long., | (2.) 59° 28.80' N. lat., 151° 36.12' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 28.79' N. lat., 151° 35.58' W. long., | (4.) 59° 29.25' N. lat., 151° 34.53' W. long., |
| (5.) 59° 29.33' N. lat., 151° 34.47' W. long., | (6.) 59° 29.37' N. lat., 151° 34.20' W. long., |
| (7.) 59° 29.29' N. lat., 151° 33.89' W. long., | (8.) 59° 29.00' N. lat., 151° 33.16' W. long., |
| (9.) 59° 28.84' N. lat., 151° 33.18' W. long., | (10.) 59° 28.66' N. lat., 151° 33.91' W. long., |
| (11.) 59° 28.30' N. lat., 151° 33.84' W. long., | (12.) 59° 28.47' N. lat., 151° 32.68' W. long., |
| (13.) 59° 28.39' N. lat., 151° 32.11' W. long., | (14.) 59° 28.16' N. lat., 151° 32.03' W. long. |

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| (1.) 59° 27.37' N. lat., 151° 44.63' W. long., | (2.) 59° 27.45' N. lat., 151° 44.41' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 27.38' N. lat., 151° 44.22' W. long., | (4.) 59° 26.96' N. lat., 151° 44.19' W. long., |
| (5.) 59° 26.74' N. lat., 151° 43.78' W. long., | (6.) 59° 25.90' N. lat., 151° 44.12' W. long., |
| (7.) 59° 25.19' N. lat., 151° 43.53' W. long. | |

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Effective at 12:01AM, June 21, the Kirschner Lake SHA, and the McNeil, Paint River and Chenik subdistricts are closed to commercial common property harvest. Remaining subdistricts in the Kamishak District are open to commercial salmon purse seine harvest on a seven day per week schedule. Video data retrieved from the Mikfik weir on Monday, June 15 showed 2,770 sockeye salmon had entered the lake. An aerial survey on that date showed 3,500 fish in Mikfik Creek and in McNeil Lagoon. Video monitoring of sockeye salmon returns to Chenik Lake began on June 15. An aerial survey of the Chenik area identified fewer than 100 fish in the lagoon and several bears at Chenik falls under poor viewing conditions. Video will be retrieved from the Chenik monitoring station early next week.

EASTERN DISTRICT: As of Thursday, a total of 58,500 hatchery produced sockeye salmon have been harvested by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association cost recovery vessels in Resurrection Bay. Last year, on this date a total of 108,645 had been harvested. This was 97% of the final cost recovery harvest of 112,000 fish taken from saltwater last year.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 26.

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.