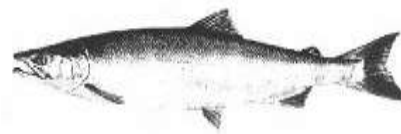


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OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days,

- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict excluding the Dogfish Bay lagoon,
- waters of the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- waters of the Rocky Bay Subdistrict with anadromous waters closures suspended at the Picnic Harbor mouth stream located at 59° 15.52'N. lat., 151° 24.850' W. longitude,
- waters of Port Dick excluding the Island Creek, Taylor Bay, and Outer sections,
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. lat., 150° 48.00' W. long. and east of 150° 50.30' W. long.

Through Wednesday, July 22 a total of 39,500 pink and 22,000 chum salmon had been harvested from the Outer District.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: the following areas remain open for daily Monday-Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict,
- 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,
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding the Halibut Cove SHA, and
- the Port Graham Subdistrict east of 151° 53.08' W. long. and excluding the Port Graham Hatchery special harvest area (SHA). Effective immediately, the closed waters line defined in 5AAC 21.350(d)(7) has been moved southwards to 59° 19.90' N. latitude. Waters south of this line are closed.

These SHAs 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. Preliminary purse seine harvests to date are shown at right,

period	date	deliveries	Chinook	sockeye	coho	pink	chum
2.)	6/24	3	4	222	4	2	0
3.)	6/26	4	0	274	0	2	2
4.)	6/29	4	1	413	3	393	4
5.)	7/1	11	6	2,652	31	4,147	22
6.)	7/3	8	8	2,285	45	11,171	11
7.)	7/6	7	2	2,462	10	5,896	11
8.)	7/7	6	1	2,606	54	6,367	19
9.)	7/8	10	1	2,341	34	6,640	7
10.)	7/9	8	3	2,530	11	5,857	9
11.)	7/10	9	0	4,151	23	7,965	12
12.)	7/13	9	2	962	38	11,424	25
13.)	7/14	5	1	1,604	47	7,332	4
14.)	7/15	5	2	1,024	45	5,852	50
15.)	7/16	9	3	1,695	67	7,522	36
18.)	7/20	7	0	2,314	47	5,844	482
19.)	7/21	3	0	2,638	72	2,856	0
20.)	7/22	5	0	2,229	24	1,342	12
period 1-20 sum		121	41	32,449	577	90,612	706

Set gillnet: Specific waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) including the English Bay Section of 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). The English Bay Section has been opened to commercial set gillnet harvest because sockeye salmon passage at the English Bay weir is anticipated to achieve the 6,000 – 13,500 fish sustainable escapement goal for the English Bay River by July 31. Through July 23, a total of 5,924 sockeye salmon had been counted at the weir. Preliminary set gillnet harvest to date as well as historic harvests are shown in the following table on page 2 of this announcement,

period			Chinook			sockeye			coho			pink			chum		
	dates	del.	5-yr avg.	2014 harv.	2015 harv.	5-yr avg.	2014 harv.	2015 harv.	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	59	50
2	6/4 - 6/6	9	17	22	21	1,198	904	301	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	26	65
3	6/8 - 6/10	11	23	47	61	1,377	2,063	638	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	88	185
4	6/11 - 6/13	13	15	17	91	833	417	1,659	0	0	1	0	0	4	45	22	773
5	6/15 - 6/17	10	12	27	72	798	1,504	916	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	115	441
6	6/18 - 6/20	8	18	52	57	1,359	2,596	1,467	10	0	30	48	0	9	111	385	543
7	6/22 - 6/24	26	10	26	86	1,303	2,544	754	0	0	99	25	0	9	134	426	533
8	6/25 - 6/27	14	17	33	62	1,566	1,837	981	9	0	18	117	0	26	203	587	503
9	6/29 - 7/1	16	8	21	69	1,252	1,828	1,153	12	0	59	103	143	237	218	689	801
10	7/2 - 7/4	12	11	20	30	1,955	3,457	776	16	2	220	88	276	1,457	276	822	532
11	7/6 - 7/8	18	5	13	14	2,167	2,859	1,903	136	5	215	141	243	1,847	205	563	868
12	7/9 - 7/11	33	2	2	39	2,463	1,586	1,815	105	4	211	262	318	2,204	236	456	818
13	7/13 - 7/15	24	3	3	57	2,203	3,162	2,576	236	60	275	515	270	1,850	201	126	1,037
14	7/16 - 7/18	17	2	2	12	1,928	2,786	3,253	244	64	153	854	549	2,922	296	579	475
15	7/20 - 7/22	18	1	1	12	993	1,749	2,588	46	166	299	758	589	1,401	225	247	605

period 1-15 sum **156 319 722 22,651 31,784 21,270 814 301 1,581 2,910 2,388 11,966 2,292 5,190 8,229**

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:

- (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:

- (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.

Seldovia:

- (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: Subdistricts in the Kamishak Bay District excluding the Kirschner SHA, and the McNeil, and Paint River subdistricts remain open on a seven day per week schedule. In addition, waters of the Chenik Subdistrict west of 154° 08.20' W. longitude are closed to commercial salmon harvest.

COOK INLET AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION: Update- preliminary harvest estimates associated with some CIAA release sites are shown below,

location	species	total anticipated return	cost recovery harvest, (as of 7/23)	broodstock harvest, (as of 7/23)	common property harvest, (as of 7/23)	total harvest, (as of 7/23)
Resurrection Bay	sockeye	322,700	79,100	12,778	3,463	95,341
Tutka Bay	sockeye	48,160	4,529	6,540	34,427*	45,496
Tutka Bay	pink	1,533,000	75,607	70,459	88,713*	234,779
Kirschner Lake	sockeye	39,500	11,410	0	0	11,410

*Note: pink and sockeye harvests are from the Tutka and Neptune Bay subdist and likely contain wild fish as well as sockeye salmon returning to other release sites.

Total estimated cost recovery value as of July 23 is \$1.6 million with a final cost recovery goal of \$4.1 million.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 31.

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.