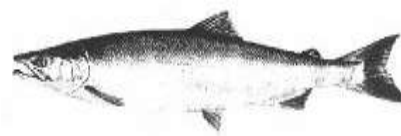


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SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: the following areas remain open for daily Monday-Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area, (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
- waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict with regulatory closed waters (5AAC21.350(d)(7)) suspended.

Commercial salmon fishing in the area of Port Graham described in 5AAC21.350(d)(7) make occur up to the freshwater of the Port Graham River using the definition of “freshwater of streams and rivers” set forth in 5AAC 39.975(26). This regulation specifies that, “freshwater of streams and rivers” means fresh water separated from salt water at the mouth of streams and rivers by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide;”

Through Wednesday, August 5 a total of 35,500 sockeye, 670 coho, 92,000 pink and 720 chum salmon had been harvested by the common property purse seine fleet in the Southern District.

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 achieved the 6,000 – 13,500 fish sustainable escapement goal for the English Bay River by July 31 with a total of 6,334 sockeye salmon counted. Preliminary set gillnet harvest to date as well as historic harvests are shown below,

period	period		Chinook			sockeye			coho			pink			chum		
			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	26	3	3	57	2,203	3,162	2,587	236	60	281	515	270	1,850	201	126	1,037
14	7/16 - 7/18	25	2	2	12	1,928	2,786	3,855	244	64	163	854	549	2,923	296	579	503
15	7/20 - 7/22	20	1	1	12	993	1,749	2,634	46	166	309	758	589	1,401	225	247	605
16	7/23 - 7/25	21	1	0	8	528	742	2,580	20	38	209	431	417	363	84	132	485
17	7/27 - 7/29	20	0	0	7	254	183	1,505	19	31	288	397	241	292	61	17	337
18	7/30 - 8/1	11	2	0	3	140	184	1,676	8	20	191	176	185	274	19	16	279
19	8/3 - 8/5	11	1	1	5	113	17	2,167	19	3	78	55	0	218	35	0	132
period 1-19 sum			159	320	745	23,687	32,910	29,857	879	393	2,373	3,969	3,231	13,114	2,491	5,355	9,490

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. |

Seldovia:

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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. | |

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

- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict west of 151° 49.368' W. long,
- waters of the Port Chatham Subdistrict with regulatory closed waters (5AAC21.350(f)(1)) suspended,
- waters of the Windy Bay Subdistrict with regulatory closed waters (5AAC21.350(f)(2)) suspended,
- 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 Taylor Bay Section, with regulatory closed waters suspended ONLY for Head End Creek (5AAC21.350(f)(8)),
- 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 waters north and east of a point at 59° 17.4' N. lat., 150° 45.0' W. long. ("South Nuka Bay") with regulatory closed waters (5AAC21.350(i)) suspended for both the Petrof River and South Nuka Creek.

Commercial salmon fishing in the above five areas where regulatory closed waters have been suspended, (Port Chatham, Windy Bay, Port Dick Head End Section, Petrof River and South Nuka Creek) may occur up to the freshwater of those streams using the definition of "freshwater of streams and rivers" set forth in 5AAC 39.975(26). This regulation specifies that, "freshwater of streams and rivers" means fresh water separated from salt water at the mouth of streams and rivers by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide;"

Through Thursday, August 6 a total of 1,007,000 pink and 70,000 chum salmon had been harvested from the Outer District. This compares to 2013, (the parent year for 2015 pink salmon) where by this date 790,000 pink salmon had been harvested. The final harvest for Outer District pink salmon in 2013 was 2.0 million fish and was a record harvest.

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. Regulatory closed waters that apply to the Bruin Bay "Pothole" (5AAC21.350(h),(i)) are suspended. Commercial salmon fishing in the area of the Bruin Bay Pothole may occur up to the freshwater of the Bruin River using the definition of "freshwater of streams and rivers" set forth in 5AAC 39.975(26). This regulation specifies that, "freshwater of streams and rivers" means fresh water separated from salt water at the mouth of streams and rivers by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide;"

In addition, waters of the Chenik Subdistrict west of 154° 08.20' W. longitude are closed to commercial salmon harvest.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 14.

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.