

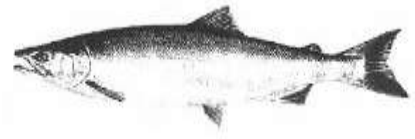
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #5

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Set gillnet:** 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,

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

Period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	Dates	Deliveries	5-yr average	2015 harvest	2016 harvest	5-yr average	2015 harvest	2016 harvest	5-yr average	2015 harvest	2016 harvest
1.)	6/2 - 6/4	8	22	39	115	1,281	493	343	35	50	6
2.)	6/6 - 6/8	5	20	21	60	1,182	302	270	33	66	14
3.)	6/9 - 6/11	6	34	62	37	1,401	640	399	82	185	64
4.)	6/13 - 6/15	9	32	93	89	1,110	1,665	674	199	773	95
cumulative			108	215	301	4,974	3,100	1,686	348	1,074	179

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 (SEG) for the English Bay River. Weir passage as of June 14 is 1,253 sockeye salmon. This is within the escapement goal range for this date (619 – 1,393) needed to achieve the final SEG range of 6,000 – 13,500 sockeye salmon by July 31 when the weir is removed.

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.

**Purse seine:** In the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday June 20, Wednesday June 22, and on Friday June 24 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA,
- the China Poot Subdistrict,
- the Neptune Bay Subdistrict, and
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict.

This schedule of MWF fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM will continue in these areas until further notice.

**KAMISHAK DISTRICT:** Subdistricts of the Kamishak District, excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict and Paint River SHA, remain open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest. The McNeil Subdistrict and the Paint River special harvest area will close to commercial common property salmon seining at 12:01 AM on Monday June 20.

The Chenik video camera was started yesterday. In addition, recording media was retrieved from the Mikfik monitoring station with 4,983 fish observed to have entered Mikfik Lake since June 6 (with zero fish counted prior to this). An additional 1,500 fish were observed in the creek between the video station and McNeil Lagoon on the flight out. The SEG for this system is 3,400 – 13,000 fish.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Through June 16, a total of 19,476 hatchery produced sockeye salmon had been harvested by cost recovery vessels in Resurrection Bay, with an additional 9,517 taken at the Bear Creek weir. Sockeye salmon escapement into Bear Lake through Thursday, June 16 is 12,775 fish.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 24.**

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.