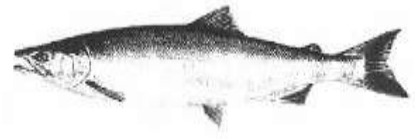


ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



NEWS RELEASE

Sam Cotten, Commissioner
Scott Kelley, Director



Contact:
Glenn Hollowell, Finfish Area Management Biologist
Ethan Ford, Fisheries Biologist
Phone: (907) 235-8191

Lower Cook Inlet Area Office
3298 Douglas Place
Homer, AK 99603
Date Issued: Friday, August 5, 2016, 2:00 PM

Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #17

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 Dogfish 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° 24.85' W. long.
- 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. Waters in the Petrof area west of a line between a point at 59° 20.84' N. lat., 150° 50.30' W. long. and a point at 59° 21.37' N. lat., 150° 50.30' W. long. are closed to commercial salmon fishing.

Waters of Port Dick are closed until further notice.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas are open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict seaward of the HEA powerlines,
- the China Poot Subdistrict,
- the Neptune Bay Subdistrict,
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, and
- the Humpy Creek Subdistrict with anadromous waters closures suspended for Humpy Creek and commercial fishing permitted up to the fresh water of Humpy Creek using the definition of "fresh water" below.

Set gillnet: Waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) including 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).

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Waters of the Kirschner Lake SHA remain open to commercial common property harvest. Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District, excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict and Paint River SHA, are also open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest seven days per week, 24-hours a day. Regulatory closed waters restrictions that apply to Chenik Lagoon are removed until further notice.

Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all anadromous waters closures are in effect in all districts of lower Cook Inlet per 5AAC 39.290 with commercial fishing prohibited within 500 yards of the fresh water of streams and rivers where "fresh water of streams and rivers" is defined in 5AAC 39.975(26) as,

"...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."

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 12.

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.