

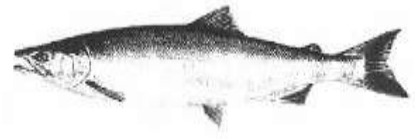
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



### NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #19

**OUTER DISTRICT:** The following area remains 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).

All other waters of the Outer Subdistrict 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 Port Graham Subdistrict excluding the Port Graham Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),

-the Tutka Bay Subdistrict excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA,

-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 regulatory definition of "fresh water" found in 5AAC 39.975(26).

The Port Graham Hatchery Special Harvest Area is defined in 5AAC 21.377 as,

(b) ...the marine waters of Port Graham Subdistrict in the Southern District south of a line from the southern tip of Passage Island at 151° 53.08' W. long., 59° 22.00' N. lat., to a point offshore at 59° 21.45' N. lat., 151° 50.05' W. long., to a point on shore at 59° 20.83' N. lat., 151° 48.53' W. long.

**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 19.**

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.