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

Commercial set gillnet harvest to date is shown in Table 1 below. Additional harvest information is available online at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon

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

Period			Chinook			Sockeye			Pink			Chum		
	Dates	2017 del.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	10	43	118	17	1,112	367	1,295	0	0	0	35	6	19
2.)	6/5-6/7	7	30	60	9	1,101	297	764	0	0	0	33	14	8
3.)	6/8-6/10	7	39	37	13	1,425	410	504	0	0	0	82	64	12
4.)	6/12-6/14	12	47	91	45	1,088	598	1,438	1	0	0	199	95	48
5.)	6/15-6/17	10	38	68	40	946	553	1,560	0	0	0	128	57	134
6.)	6/19-6/21	10	35	33	25	1,655	1,108	976	21	10	10	213	84	105
7.)	6/22-6/24	10	37	64	40	1,289	943	1,311	12	10	151	233	103	160
8.)	6/26-6/28	9	31	28	22	1,502	1,044	2,094	75	91	442	274	104	170
9.)	6/29-7/1	10	27	30	13	1,312	1,046	2,537	355	291	704	351	134	463
10.)	7/3-7/5	14	19	23	21	1,725	881	3,030	448	784	1,585	345	111	837
11.)	7/6-7/8	13	21	69	19	2,416	2,622	2,548	464	1,705	1,800	358	230	655
12.)	7/10-7/12	10	19	51	16	2,051	2,743	1,776	778	2,715	3,783	390	266	885
		cumulative	**386**	**672**	**280**	**17,622**	**12,612**	**19,833**	**2,155**	**5,606**	**8,475**	**2,640**	**1,268**	**3,496**

Last year sockeye salmon sampled from June 1 through July 15 from the set net fishery were 32.0% hatchery produced [a].

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

-the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),
-the China Poot Section of the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the China Poot SHA,
-the Neptune Bay Section of the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA,
-the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, and
-the Humpy Creek Subdistrict up to the fresh water of Humpy Creek using the regulatory definition of "fresh water" assigned in 5AAC 39.975(26). This clearly states that, "fresh water 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.

This schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishing periods will continue in these areas until further notice.

A total of 28,118 sockeye salmon have been harvested during the first three weeks of this year's commercial purse seine fishing season. Last year during this period a total of 10,800 sockeye salmon were harvested, 83.0% of the sockeye salmon sampled from those purse seine deliveries were hatchery produced [a].

[a] 2016 LCI Annual Management Report, appendices F22, F24, and F25. ADF&G, Fishery Management Report, Anchorage. Available for download: www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/FMR17-26.pdf

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Eastern District including Resurrection Bay will close to commercial common property salmon purse seine harvest effective at 10:00 PM, Friday July 14 until further notice.

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods opening 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, and
-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.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Chenik Lagoon is closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice.

Fish passage from July 6-12 was 25 fish for a cumulative escapement to Chenik Lake of 2,465 sockeye salmon. The sustainable escapement goal for this system is 2,900 – 13,700 fish. An aerial survey on Wednesday, July 12 documented approximately 2,000 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. The next anticipated aerial survey and video retrieval will occur on approximately July 19. Total harvest from the Chenik Lagoon area to date is 62,500 sockeye salmon. Chenik Lake was enhanced with hatchery incubated sockeye salmon for 13 years between 1978 and 1996. The average annual commercial common property sockeye salmon harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict has been 59,000 fish over the last ten years.

Remaining subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.200(e) excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner SHA, are open 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. The McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, Chenik Lagoon, and the Kirschner SHA remain closed until further notice.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 21.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.
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.