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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #17

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective Monday, July 24 waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict are open for daily 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 16-hour fishing periods. An aerial survey conducted on July 22 under very good conditions documented 5,390 sockeye salmon in Delight Lake, and 9,450 in Desire Lake. Sustainable escapement goal (SEG) ranges for these systems are 5,100 – 10,600, and 4,800 – 11,900 fish respectively.

In addition 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 Port Dick Subdistrict west of 151°10.5' W. longitude (Middle Ck. & Head End sections),
- 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: Effective at 6:00 AM, Saturday July 22 regulatory closed waters restrictions specified in 5AAC 21.350(e)(2) that apply to Chenik Lagoon have been removed until further notice. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of the Chenik River as per the definition of "fresh water" found in Alaska statute 5 AAC 39.975(26). Fish passage at the video counting station from July 13-21 is currently estimated at 4,100 fish for a preliminary cumulative estimated escapement to Chenik Lake of 6,565 sockeye salmon. The SEG for this system is 2,900 – 13,700 fish (midpoint = 8,300) with approximately 77.8% of the run complete by July 21. An aerial survey on Friday, July 21 documented a minimum of 2,000 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. Total harvest from the Chenik Lagoon area this season is 71,900 sockeye salmon.

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 next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 28.

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.