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**Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #34**

**The Southern, Outer and Kamishak districts are anticipated to close to commercial common property purse seine harvest at 10:00 PM on Sunday, September 24. Set gillnet commercial common property harvest will close for the 2017 season at 6:00 AM on Saturday, September 30.**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine:** Waters of the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) including Tutka Lagoon remain open seven days per week on a schedule of daily 16 hour commercial fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Anadromous waters restrictions in the Tutka SHA are rescinded until further notice. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of anadromous streams in the Tutka SHA using the definition of "fresh water" in 5AAC 39.975(26).

The following areas remain open to commercial seine harvest on a seven day per week schedule of 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily,

- the Seldovia Subdistrict,
- the China Poot Subdistrict including both the China Poot and Neptune Bay sections,
- the Humpy Creek Subdistrict up to the fresh water of Humpy Creek,
- the Port Graham Subdistrict excluding the Port Graham Hatchery SHA, and
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict.

**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.

**OUTER DISTRICT:** The following areas remain open on a seven days per week schedule of 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily,

- waters of the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- waters of the Port Dick Subdistrict west of 151°10.5' W. long. (Middle Ck. & Head End sections),
- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict excluding the Dogfish Bay lagoon,
- waters of the Windy Bay Subdistrict up to the fresh water of the Windy Bay Rivers,
- 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:** Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.200(e) excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict are open 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Anadromous waters closures are rescinded for Sunday Creek, Brown's Peak Creek, Chenik River and lagoon, and Bruin River downstream of and including the pothole.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, September 22.**

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.