

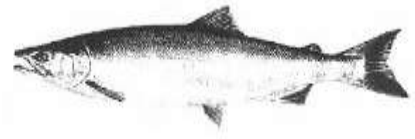
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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #3

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 as defined in 5AAC 21.320(a)(3). Through June 6, a total of 134 sockeye salmon have been reported at the English Bay River weir. This is within the anticipated passage of 133–300 fish to achieve a final escapement on July 31 that is within the SEG range of 6,000 – 13,500 fish.

The following GPS coordinates define the seaward boundaries of areas in which commercial set gillnet harvest may occur as defined in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1)(A-D).

Halibut Cove:

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| (1.) 59° 36.27' N. lat., 151° 13.10' W. long., | (2.) 59° 36.11' N. lat., 151° 12.58' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 35.65' N. lat., 151° 12.60' W. long., | (4.) 59° 35.70' N. lat., 151° 12.12' W. long. |

Barabara Point, Kasitsna Bay, and McDonald Spit:

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| (1.) 59° 29.39' N. lat., 151° 38.76' W. long., | (2.) 59° 29.31' N. lat., 151° 38.20' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 28.80' N. lat., 151° 36.12' W. long., | (4.) 59° 28.83' N. lat., 151° 35.44' W. long., |
| (5.) 59° 29.25' N. lat., 151° 34.53' W. long., | (6.) 59° 29.33' N. lat., 151° 34.47' W. long., |
| (7.) 59° 29.37' N. lat., 151° 34.20' W. long., | (8.) 59° 29.29' N. lat., 151° 33.89' W. long., |
| (9.) 59° 29.00' N. lat., 151° 33.16' W. long., | (10.) 59° 28.84' N. lat., 151° 33.18' W. long., |
| (11.) 59° 28.66' N. lat., 151° 33.91' W. long., | (12.) 59° 28.30' N. lat., 151° 33.84' W. long., |
| (13.) 59° 28.47' N. lat., 151° 32.68' W. long., | (14.) 59° 28.39' N. lat., 151° 32.11' W. long., |
| (15.) 59° 28.16' N. lat., 151° 32.03' W. long. | |

Seldovia:

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| (1.) 59° 27.37' N. lat., 151° 44.63' W. long., | (2.) 59° 27.45' N. lat., 151° 44.41' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 27.38' N. lat., 151° 44.22' W. long., | (4.) 59° 26.96' N. lat., 151° 44.19' W. long., |
| (5.) 59° 26.74' N. lat., 151° 43.78' W. long., | (6.) 59° 25.90' N. lat., 151° 44.12' W. long., |
| (7.) 59° 25.14' N. lat., 151° 43.53' W. long. | |

Port Graham:

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| (1.) 59° 21.41' N. lat., 151° 56.77' W. long., | (2.) 59° 21.49' N. lat., 151° 56.31' W. long., |
| (3.) 59° 21.78' N. lat., 151° 56.10' W. long., | (4.) 59° 22.07' N. lat., 151° 55.04' W. long. |
| (5.) 59° 22.04' N. lat., 151° 52.37' W. long., | (6.) 59° 21.71' N. lat., 151° 51.11' W. long., |
| (7.) 59° 21.66' N. lat., 151° 50.19' W. long., | (8.) 59° 21.37' N. lat., 151° 49.01' W. long., |
| (9.) 59° 21.06' N. lat., 151° 49.61' W. long. | |

Note the addition of point #1 off of Barabara Point, a correction made to point #4 in this area, as well as a correction to point #7 in the Seldovia area.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Cost recovery of hatchery produced sockeye salmon returning to release sites in Resurrection Bay is ongoing with 93,300 sockeye salmon delivered through June 7. Over the most recent 5 years, an average of 40.0% of the final cost recovery harvest had been delivered by this date. CIAA cost recovery vessels are avoiding waters in the Spring Creek area from the Seward Ships Drydock, north to the area of the sawdust pile within 100 feet of the water's edge between the hours of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 7 days per week. Through June 7 a total of 3,600 fish had been counted at the Bear Creek weir. This is above the anticipated escapement range of 939–2,059 for this date. An aerial survey of Aialik Lake will be flown (weather permitting) next week. Escapement last year into Aialik Lake was within the sustainable escapement goal (3,200 – 5,200) for the first time since 2010 with a count of 4,100 sockeye salmon.

OUTER DISTRICT: Aerial surveys of Delight, and Desire lakes will be flown next week weather permitting. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association will be staffing the Delight Lake weir and providing daily counts to ADF&G beginning in early July.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.200(e) are open 7-days per week, 24-hours per day to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. The McNeil River Subdistrict has been open to commercial harvest since June 1 with no harvest reported to date. Effective June 18, the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner SHA will be closed until further notice. Also on that date, the closed waters associated with the Chenik Lagoon, (5AAC 21.350(e)(2)) are suspended until further notice with commercial fishing permitted up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek using the definition of “fresh water” 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.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 15.

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.