

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #4

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial common property harvest at 6:00 AM on Monday, June 18 on a schedule of Monday–Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Closed waters as described in 5AAC 21.350 on pages 12-16 of the 2017-2020 Cook Inlet Area Salmon Fishing Regulations book are in full effect. Resurrection Bay will close to hatchery cost recovery harvest in saltwater at 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 17.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine:** In the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday June 18, Wednesday June 20, and on Friday June 22 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,  
 -the Neptune Bay Section up to the freshwater of the Wosnesenski River, and  
 -the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon.

Following these periods, this schedule of MWF fishing periods will continue in these areas until further notice. The Tutka Hatchery SHA seaward of the HEA powerlines will open on Monday June 18 and Wednesday June 20 only for two 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods.

**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 12, a total of 364 sockeye salmon have been counted at the English Bay River weir. This is below the anticipated passage of 536–1,207 fish by this date required to achieve a final escapement on July 31 that occurs within the SEG range of 6,000 – 13,500 fish.

Commercial set gillnet harvest from the first 4 fishing periods are shown in Table 1 below,

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

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	dates	2018 deliveries.	5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.	5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.	5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/2	3	43	18	8	1,289	1,318	79	33	19	1
2.)	6/4-6/6	4	30	11	7	1,158	801	177	33	8	1
3.)	6/7-6/9	5	39	15	5	1,417	525	212	85	12	7
4.)	6/11-6/13	5	47	43	8	1,289	1,458	360	207	48	23
period 1-4 sum			<b>159</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5,154</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>32</b>

Additional harvest information is available online at:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

**KAMISHAK DISTRICT:** Effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, June 18 regulatory closed waters restrictions specified in 5AAC 21.350(e)(2) that apply to Chenik Lagoon are being removed until further notice. Fishing is permitted up to the freshwater of the Chenik River. Also effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 18, the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner SHA will be closed until further notice.

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

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.