ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE

Sam Cotten, Commissioner
Scott Kelley, Director

Contact:
Glenn Hollowell, Finfish Area Management Biologist
Ethan Ford, Fisheries Biologist
Phone: (907) 235-8191

Lower Cook Inlet Area Office
3298 Douglas Place
Homer, AK 99603
Date Issued: Friday, June 22, 2018, 2:00 PM

Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #5

EASTERN DISTRICT: The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict remains open to commercial common property harvest on a Monday–Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Harvest through Wednesday June 20 was 3,500 sockeye salmon.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: **Purse seine:** In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 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,
-the Neptune Bay Section up to the freshwater of the Wosnesenski River, and
-the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon.

Harvest from the Monday and Wednesday fishing periods was 600 sockeye salmon total.

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 18, a total of 1,686 sockeye salmon have been counted at the English Bay River weir. This is within the anticipated passage of 994–2,237 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 6 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 del.	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	191	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	10	1,289	1,458	318	207	48	15
5.)	6/14-6/16	4	38	41	14	1,219	1,578	329	161	134	38
6.)	6/18-6/20	4	35	28	18	1,782	1,305	441	274	274	165
		period 1-6 sum	232	156	62	8,155	6,985	1,570	793	495	227

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

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: 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 freshwater of the Chenik River. The McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner SHA are closed until further notice.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 29.

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.