

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #6

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Set gillnet:** Effective at 6:00 AM on Saturday, June 30 waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict will close to commercial set gillnet harvest until further notice. Through Thursday, June 28, a total of 2,200 sockeye salmon have been counted at the English Bay River weir. This is below the minimum anticipated passage of 2,789–6,274 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. Remaining waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) excluding the Port Graham subdistrict, 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). Commercial set gillnet harvest from the first 8 fishing periods is 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	432	274	274	165
7.)	6/21-6/23	6	37	44	9	1,480	1,352	560	258	160	202
8.)	6/25-6/27	6	31	38	16	1,954	2,723	767	321	251	250
period 1-8 sum			300	238	87	11,589	11,060	2,888	1,373	906	679

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

**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, excluding the China Poot SHA,
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the freshwater of the Wosnesenski River, and
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon.

Harvest through Wednesday June 27 was 5,900 sockeye salmon total. This is similar to both 2016 and 2017 harvests where 6,137 and 5,055 sockeye salmon were harvested by this date.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will be closed on July 4 to commercial purse seine harvest, but will be open on Monday and Tuesday, as well as Thursday and Friday of next week to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Common property commercial harvest through Thursday, June 28 was 20,756 sockeye 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. A total of 15 sockeye salmon were counted at the Chenik video station through June 25. This compares to an anticipated passage of 57–271 for this date for a final escapement of 2,900–13,700.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 6.**

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.