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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #8

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Effective at 10:00 PM Wednesday, July 4, waters of the Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) are closed to commercial common property purse seine harvest and will remain closed until further notice. Waters of the China Poot SHA remain closed as well. Other areas remain open as announced last Friday.

Waters of the Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) located in the Neptune Bay Section of the China Poot Subdistrict are defined by the following points: from 59° 32.84' N., 151° 24.90'W. to a point offshore at 59° 33.09' N., 151° 25.22' W., to a point at 59° 34.11' N., 151° 22.45' W., to a point at the base of China Poot Spit at 59° 33.42' N., 151° 21.70' W. Waters of the China Poot SHA located in the China Poot Section of the China Poot Subdistrict are defined by the following points: from a point at the base of China Poot Spit at 59° 33.42' N., 151° 21.70' W. Waters of the China Poot SHA located in the China Poot Spit at 59° 33.42' N., 151° 21.70' W., to a point offshore at 59° 34.11' N., 151° 22.45' W., to a point at 59° 35.08' N., 151° 19.77' W., to Moosehead Point located at 59° 34.66' N., 151° 19.27' W. See Figure 1 below.

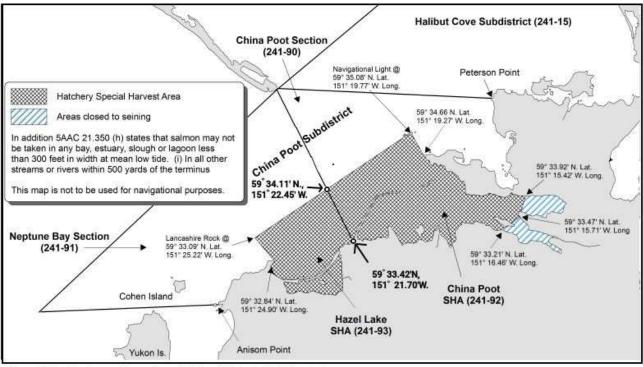


Figure 1.- Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) and China Poot SHA boundaries.

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

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