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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 Wednesday, July 4, a total of 6,230 sockeye salmon have been counted at the English Bay River weir. This is within the final SEG for this system of 6,000–13,500 fish. Commercial set gillnet harvest from the first 10 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 dates	2018 del.	Chinook			Sockeye			Pink			Chum		
			5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.	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	6	1,289	1,318	79	0			33	19	1
2.)	6/4-6/6	4	30	11	7	1,158	801	191	13	26		33	8	1
3.)	6/7-6/9	5	39	15	5	1,417	525	212	0			85	12	7
4.)	6/11-6/13	8	47	43	10	1,289	1,458	377	2			207	48	22
5.)	6/14-6/16	5	38	41	14	1,219	1,578	367	0			161	134	38
6.)	6/18-6/20	8	35	28	18	1,782	1,305	467	60	276	2	274	274	165
7.)	6/21-6/23	9	37	44	9	1,480	1,352	653	34	151		258	160	220
8.)	6/25-6/27	9	31	38	18	1,954	2,723	914	118	470	42	321	251	310
9.)	6/28-6/30	12	27	20	14	1,834	3,132	1,496	569	948	214	451	530	296
10.)	7/2-7/4	8	19	33	13	2,181	2,802	1,260	855	1,321	518	471	664	373
period 1-10 sum			346	291	114	15,604	16,994	6,016	1,651	3,192	776	2,295	2,100	1,433

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, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA and
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon.

Common property harvest through Wednesday July 4 was 15,900 sockeye salmon total. This is below both 2016 and 2017 harvests where 16,600 and 19,600 sockeye salmon were harvested by this date. The previous 5-year average cumulative harvest prior to July 4 is 9,200 sockeye salmon.

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. Resurrection Bay is anticipated to close to commercial seine harvest targeting hatchery returns on Friday, July 13 at 10:00 PM.

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 13.

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.