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SOUTHERN DISTRICT: The China Poot SHA and Hazel Lake SHA remain closed to commercial common property salmon harvest. These areas are open to hatchery cost recovery harvest only.

Effective at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10, until 11:59 PM on Friday, July 13 the Closed Waters area defined in 5AAC 21.350(d)(2) at the back of the south arm of China Poot Bay will be modified by emergency order to allow cost recovery harvest up to a line from a point on the north shore of the south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.23' N. lat., 151° 15.47' W. long. to a point on the south shore of this bay at 59° 33.05' N. lat., 151° 15.53' W. long. This is shown in Figure 1 below.

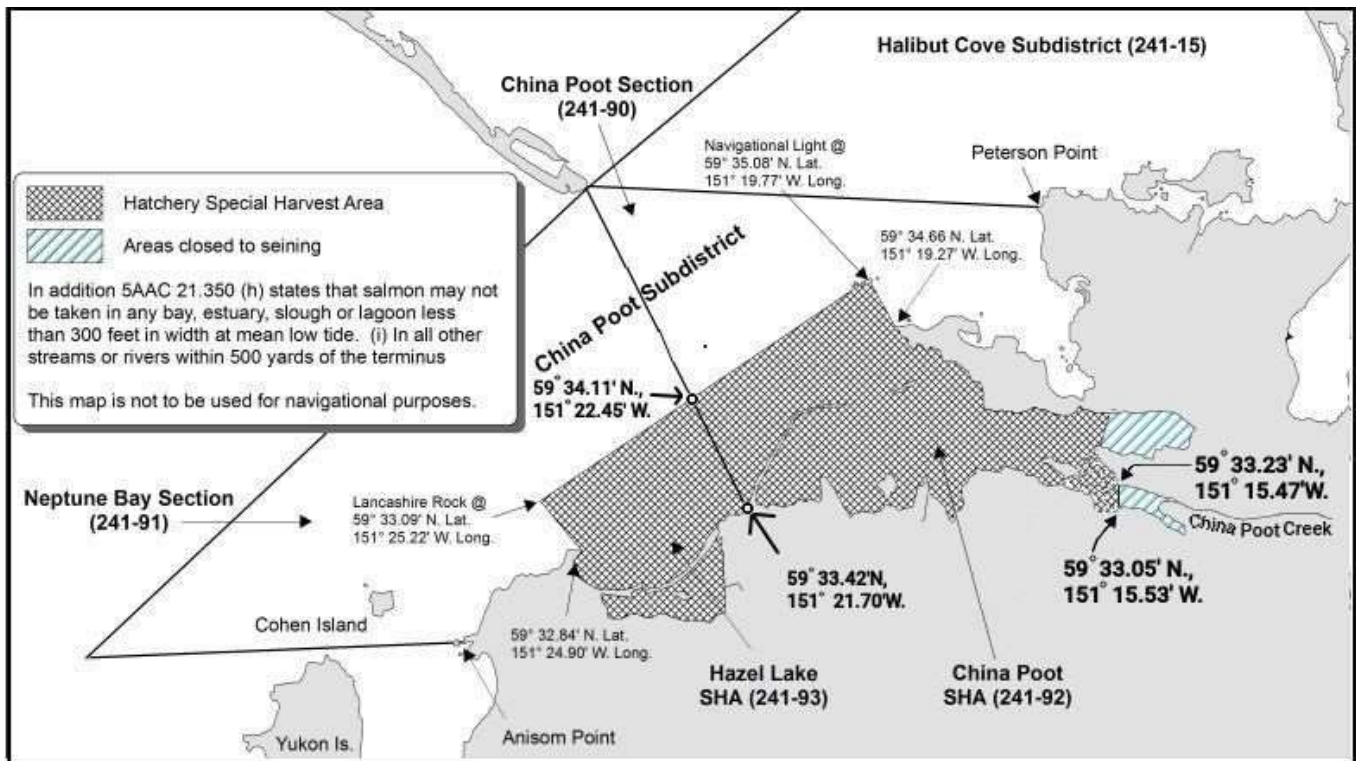


Figure 1.- Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) and China Poot SHA boundaries. SHA boundary in south arm of China Poot Bay moved approx. 1/2 mi east.

Moving this boundary will allow cost recovery boats greater access to sockeye salmon that are holding in the outer portion of the south arm of China Poot Bay. At midnight on Friday, July 13 the closed waters area defined in 5AAC 21.350(d)(2) will return to the location defined in regulation.

The China Poot SHA and Hazel Lake SHA remain **closed** to commercial common property salmon harvest. These areas are open to hatchery cost recovery harvest **only**.

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.

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