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OUTER DISTRICT: Waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict will open for commercial purse seine harvest on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15 for 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Following this, the East Nuka Subdistrict will remain open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Closed waters specified in 5AAC 21.350(f)(12) that apply to the Delight Lake area and McCarty Lagoon are suspended with fishing permitted up to the outlet of the freshwater lagoon located at 59° 32.00'N., 150° 20.57'W. The freshwater lagoon and channel draining Delight Lake are closed to commercial salmon fishing.

In addition, waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict excluding the Dogfish Bay lagoon will open on Monday, July 16 to commercial purse seine harvest and will remain open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods until further notice.

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). Commercial set gillnet harvest from the first 12 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			Coho			Pink			Chum			
		2018 del.	5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.	5-yr avg	2017 harv.	2018 harv.	5-yr avg	2016 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			0			33	19	1
2.)	6/4-6/6	4	30	11	7	1,158	801	191	0			13	26		33	8	1
3.)	6/7-6/9	5	39	15	5	1,417	525	212	1			0			85	12	7
4.)	6/11-6/13	8	47	43	10	1,289	1,458	377	1			2			207	48	22
5.)	6/14-6/16	5	38	41	14	1,219	1,578	367	0			0			161	134	38
6.)	6/18-6/20	8	35	28	18	1,782	1,305	467	9	3		60	276	2	274	274	165
7.)	6/21-6/23	9	37	44	9	1,480	1,352	653	27	2		34	151		258	160	220
8.)	6/25-6/27	9	31	38	18	1,954	2,723	914	7			118	470	42	321	251	310
9.)	6/28-6/30	12	27	20	14	1,834	3,132	1,496	17	1	1	569	948	214	451	530	296
10.)	7/2-7/4	8	19	33	13	2,181	2,802	1,260	58	3	8	855	1,321	518	471	664	373
11.)	7/5-7/7	8	21	27	6	2,935	3,156	582	198	180	15	1,352	2,951	520	546	830	111
12.)	7/9-7/11	7	19	25	11	2,424	2,891	1,330	292	603	418	1,944	3,715	1,868	555	929	340
period 1-12 sum			386	343	131	20,963	23,041	7,928	608	792	442	4,947	9,858	3,164	3,395	3,859	1,884

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 Subdist., 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.

Common property purse seine harvest through Wednesday July 11 was 31,769 sockeye salmon total. This is similar to 2016 and 2017 harvests where 28,400 and 36,400 sockeye salmon were harvested by this date. The previous 5-year average cumulative harvest prior to July 11 is 20,700 sockeye salmon.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Effective at 10:00 PM on July 13, the Resurrection Bay Subdistrict is closed to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest until further notice.

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, July 20.

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.