

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #27

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Effective Friday, August 17 at 6:00 AM, Dogfish Bay Lagoon west of 151° 49.40' W. longitude will open for a single sixteen hour fishing period from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on that date.

Anadromous waters closures are suspended for the portion of Dogfish Bay lagoon west of this line. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of anadromous streams in the western portion of Dogfish lagoon using the definition of "fresh water" in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26). This clearly states that, "fresh water of streams and rivers" means fresh water separated from salt water at the mouth of streams and rivers by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide. Commercial fishermen are explicitly reminded that 5 AAC 39.290(a)(1) remains in effect in this area.



Figure 1.- Koyuktolik (Dogfish) Bay showing waters open to commercial purse seine harvest west of 151° 49.40' W. longitude.

Waters of the Koyuktolik Subdistrict outside of the lagoon remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods as announced previously.

A ground survey conducted yesterday, August 15 counted 6,187 chum and 1,598 pink salmon in the index streams associated with Dogfish Lagoon. This is within the sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for chum salmon, (3,500–8,600 fish) as well as for pink salmon (800–7,100 fish) in this system.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 17.**

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.