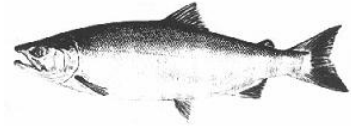


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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #6

EASTERN DISTRICT: In the Eastern District, waters of Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head (59° 58.93'N. latitude), and east of a line from the old military dock pilings north of Caines Head (60° 00.48'N. latitude, 149° 24.20'W. longitude) to an ADF&G regulatory marker near the Seward Airport (60° 07.49'N. latitude, 149° 24.72'W. longitude), and south of a line from the ADF&G regulatory marker near the Seward Airport to Sawmill Creek (60° 07.28'N. latitude, 149° 22.46'W. longitude) will open for daily 16-hour periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Saturday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 15.

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) anticipates completing cost recovery operations in Resurrection Bay at the end of today. Total harvest is 144,200 sockeye salmon (829,500 lbs) worth \$1,520,000. The remaining \$94,000 of the overall CIAA cost recovery goal will come from sales of Tutka Bay hatchery returns and carcass sales at the Bear Creek weir.

Seiners are also reminded that, by regulation, Chinook and coho salmon may not be taken in any waters of Resurrection Bay since these species are allocated to recreational fishery users.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: This announcement supersedes news release #4. In the Southern District, waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict will open to commercial *set gillnet harvest only* for a 12-hour fishing period from 6:00 a.m. Monday, June 13 until 6:00 p.m. that evening. Escapement past the English Bay River weir totaled 1,635 sockeye salmon through June 9. This compares to a minimum anticipated cumulative escapement of 429 fish for this date towards a final Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) of 6,000 – 13,500 for this system plus an additional 6,670 sockeye salmon required for CIAA broodstock.

Waters of Seldovia Bay, Barabara Creek, Tutka Bay, and Halibut Cove Subdistricts remain open to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing on the regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday, until further notice. Preliminary harvest numbers from the June 6-8 fishing period was 663 sockeye, 5 Chinook and 16 chum salmon with 6 deliveries reported.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, June 15.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

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.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current. The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 1-800/478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.