SOUTHERN DISTRICT: hatchery cost recovery: A portion of the closed waters area southeast of the Homer Electric Association powerlines in China Poot Bay will be opened to Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) hatchery cost recovery harvest effective at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 8. The portion of the north arm east of 151° 14.65’ west longitude will remain closed to protect Dungeness crab habitat, (Figure 1).

To date, 650 sockeye salmon have been harvested by CIAA for hatchery cost recovery from the China Poot special harvest area (SHA) with an additional 110,000 fish harvested for cost recovery from SHAs elsewhere in the Lower Cook Inlet (LCI) area. The CIAA cost recovery harvest goal is 319,000 sockeye salmon. Pink salmon cost recovery from the Tutka Bay and Port Graham hatchery returns will begin in the next few weeks.

All other areas remain open to commercial salmon harvest as announced in the July 3 LCI news release.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 12. 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: