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Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #9

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Saturday, July 17 waters of the Chenik Subdistrict are reopened to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. This includes waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long., (see Figure 1 at right). Remaining subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake SHA remain open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Harvest from the Kamishak District is confidential due to fewer than three commercial permits reporting deliveries. Total escapement into Chenik Lake as of noon on July 15 is 7,297 sockeye salmon. The sustainable escapement goal range for this system is 2,900-13,700 fish. Several thousand sockeye salmon are holding in the lagoon.

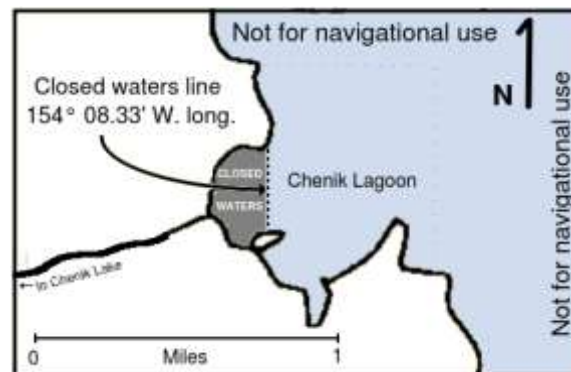


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

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). Harvest from fishing periods to date is shown in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2021 del.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.	5-yr avg	2020 harv.	2021 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/2	7	40	49	12	949	367	202	0	0		23	7	20
2.)	6/3-6/5	7	30	54	29	881	482	440	13	0		25	17	23
3.)	6/7-6/9	7	38	59	18	1,077	505	822	0	0		60	30	56
4.)	6/10-6/12	8	48	65	23	1,033	638	941	2	0		145	81	38
5.)	6/14-6/16	10	39	35	34	1,022	364	1,212	1	0	1	119	34	88
6.)	6/17-6/19	9	35	36	29	1,436	620	517	44	0		207	25	30
7.)	6/21-6/23	10	35	12	18	1,320	893	1,042	50	0	3	217	45	94
8.)	6/24-6/26	7	32	11	11	1,639	876	863	118	5		283	104	57
9.)	6/28-6/30	10	26	21	11	1,727	1,202	1,563	459	207	11	360	181	278
10.)	7/1-7/3	9	19	7	5	1,921	1,166	1,222	694	320	254	409	184	483
11.)	7/5-7/7	7	21	8	8	2,295	1,043	913	1,154	884	233	434	147	237
12.)	7/8-7/10	6	20	14	5	2,076	869	347	1,812	1,581	124	505	182	93
13.)	7/12-7/14	6	15	16	2	2,259	1,098	337	2,147	2,947	807	457	288	210
period 1-13 sum			396	387	205	19,634	10,123	10,421	6,493	5,944	1,433	3,243	1,325	1,707

The English Bay River weir is currently not operating.

Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishing periods with commercial purse seine fishing permitted from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days.

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26), and
- the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west longitude, and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west longitude.

Through July 14, a total of 51,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested from the Southern District by commercial purse seine permit holders. Last year's seine harvest for this area as of this date was 45,270 fish.

OUTER DISTRICT: An aerial survey was flown of this area on Wednesday, July 7, and a foot survey of Port Dick Creek conducted on Monday, July 12. General salmon escapement observations from these excursions were commensurate with those anticipated for this date and do not support commercial fishing activities at this time. The Delight Lake weir was installed on July 7. As of July 14 a total of 752 sockeye salmon have been passed at the weir towards a sustainable escapement goal of 7,500-17,650 fish. An additional 480 sockeye were observed in the lake prior to the weir's installation.

EASTERN DISTRICT: The Eastern District is closed to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest effective at 10:00 PM on July 16. Commercial common property purse seine harvest is confidential due to fewer than three permit holders reporting deliveries.

COVID-19: Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/COVID-19> and may also be accessed by scanning the quick read (QR) code at right using a smart phone.



The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 23.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Current Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing regulation books are available at ADF&G offices, and online here:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020_2022_cf_cook_inlet_salmon.pdf

This website may also be accessed by scanning the QR code at right.

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>,

which may also be accessed by scanning the adjacent QR code,

