



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #4

General seine: The following areas in addition to those waters listed in 5AAC 21.350 remain closed to commercial purse seine salmon fishing until further notice:

- 1.) waters at the head end of Tutka Bay southeast of a line from 59° 25.51' N. lat., 151° 19.01' W. long., to 59° 25.14' N. lat., 151° 19.51' W. long.,
- 2.) waters of Humpy Creek south of a line from a point at 59° 40.10' N. lat., 151° 09.70' W. long., to another point at 59° 40.10' N. lat., 151° 08.10' W. long., and east of a line from a point at 59° 40.10' N. lat., 151° 09.70' W. long., to another point at 59° 39.30' N. lat., 151° 09.70' W. long.,
- 3.) waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from a point at 59° 43.85' N. lat., 153° 22.60' W. long., to another point at 59° 43.85' N. lat., 153° 27.12' W. long., and east of a line from a point at 59° 43.85' N. lat., 153° 22.60' W. long., to another point at 59° 42.89' N. lat., 153° 22.60' W. long.
- 4.) waters of Rocky Cove inshore of a line from 59° 26.98' N. lat., 153° 44.36' W. long., to 59° 26.37' N. lat., 153° 43.92' W. long.,
- 5.) waters of McNeil Lagoon and bay inshore of a line from 59° 7.52' N. lat., 154° 15.00' W. long., to 59° 07.40' N. lat., 154° 14.20' W. long.,
- 6.) waters of Bruin Bay inshore of a line between a point at 59° 22.28' N. lat., 154° 04.95' W. long., to another point at 59° 20.80' N. lat., 154° 04.95' W. long.;
- 7.) waters of Knoll Head Creek north of a line from a point at 59° 37.80' N. lat., 153° 30.24' W. long., to another point at 59° 37.80' N. lat., 151° 31.94' W. long., and west of a line from a point at 59° 37.80' N. lat., 153° 30.24' W. long., to another point at 59° 38.21' N. lat., 153° 30.24' W. long.;
- 8.) waters of Brown Peak Creek north of a line between a point at 59° 32.60' N. lat., 153° 44.30' W. long. and another point at 59° 32.60' N. lat., 153° 42.50' W. long.;
- 9.) waters of Amakdedori Creek west of a line between a point at 59° 17.10' N. lat., 154° 07.10' W. long. and another point at 59° 16.10' N. lat., 154° 07.10' W. long.
- 10.) waters of South Nuka Bay east of a line from 59° 18.62' N. lat., 150° 42.86' W. long., to 59° 18.13' N. lat., 150° 43.11' W. long.,
- 11.) waters of James Lagoon west of a line from 59° 34.11' N. lat., 150° 23.04' W. long., to 59° 33.05' N. lat., 150° 24.74' W. long.,
- 12.) waters of Shelter Cove south of a line from a point at 59° 17.30' N. lat., 151° 13.90' W. long., to another point at 59° 17.30' N. lat., 151° 14.80' W. long., and west of a line from a point at 59° 17.30' N. lat., 151° 13.90' W. long., to another point at 59° 17.03' N. lat., 151° 13.90' W. long., and
- 13.) waters of Aialik Bay and lagoon north of a line from 59° 52.58' N. lat., 149° 44.62' W. long., to 59° 52.75' N. lat., 149° 44.12' W. longitude.

As a reminder, unless otherwise specified in regulation or by emergency order, commercial fishing for salmon is prohibited at all times within 500 yards of the fresh water of a salmon stream and over the beds or channels of streams and rivers at all stages of the tide. Fresh water is considered 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.

Hatchery update: Through June 15, a total of 66,526 sockeye have been harvested for cost recovery in Resurrection Bay towards a goal of 72,000 fish. On average during the past 10-years, 74% of the final cost recovery harvest has been landed by this date.

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 to date is shown in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District 2023 set gillnet harvests by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	dates	2023 del.	5-yr avg	2022 harv.	2023 harv.	5-yr avg	2022 harv.	2023 harv.	5-yr avg	2022 harv.	2023 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	4	25	23	11	433	820	580	14	29	13
2.)	6/5-6/7	5	28	23	14	495	777	534	22	52	16
3.)	6/8-6/10	8	30	28	11	653	910	697	49	133	18
4.)	6/12-6/14	7	31	18	12	773	1,110	1,144	42	51	38
period 1-4 sum			113	92	48	2,354	3,617	2,955	127	265	85

Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open for 16 hour commercial fishing on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area,
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water 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 (Figure 1). General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 5AAC 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in China Poot and Neptune Bay sections until further notice.

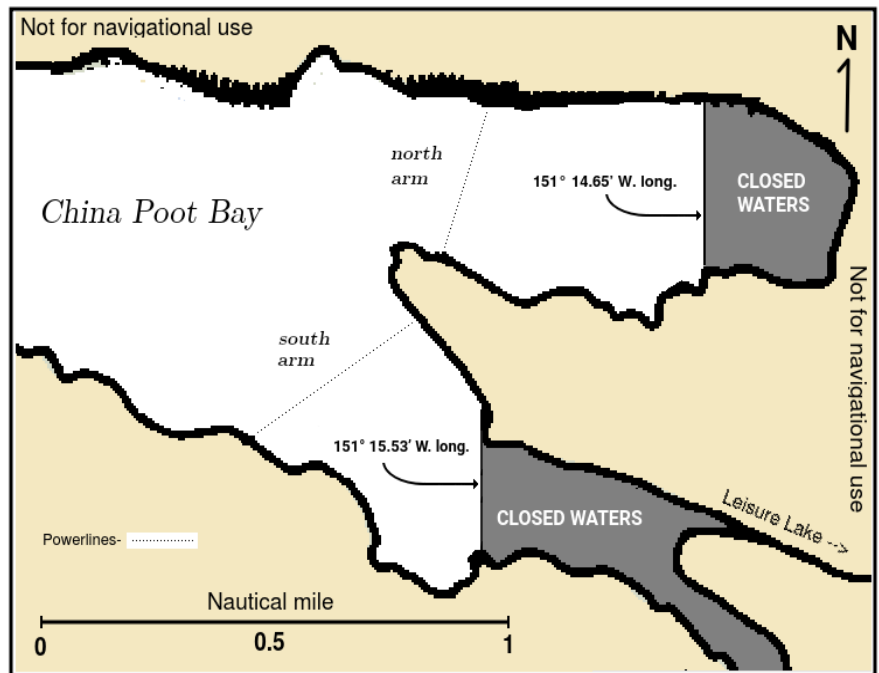


Figure 1.- China Poot Bay area showing “CLOSED WATERS” portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, Paint River Subdistrict, Chenik Subdistrict, and Kirschner Lake special harvest area, opened for the 2023 commercial purse seine season on June 1. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 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,

