



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #7

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), remain open to commercial salmon harvest excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, the Chenik Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Effective Monday July 3, the Chenik Subdistrict will be on 24-hour notice for possible commercial fishing opportunity. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on June 15. Through June 29, two fish have been documented entering Chenik Lake with a minimum of 1,000 estimated in Chenik Lagoon. Aerial surveys of Chenik Lagoon are occurring weather permitting.

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, (5AAC39.975(a)(26)).

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			Coho			Pink			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.	5-yr avg	2022 harv.	2023 harv.	5-yr avg	2022 harv.	2023 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	5	25	23	11	433	820	638	0	0		0	0		14	29	13
2.)	6/5-6/7	6	28	23	16	495	777	629	0	0		0	0		22	52	16
3.)	6/8-6/10	8	30	28	11	653	910	697	0	0		0	0		49	133	18
4.)	6/12-6/14	7	31	18	12	773	1,110	1,144	0	0		0	0		42	51	38
5.)	6/15-6/17	6	26	11	22	899	1,196	927	0	0		1	0		56	46	21
6.)	6/19-6/21	9	29	22	9	964	1,693	1,248	46	0		4	4		105	206	67
7.)	6/22-6/24	8	18	15	30	1,225	1,907	912	1	0	1	47	5		130	114	72
8.)	6/26-6/28	7	17	12	23	1,309	2,339	945	2	0		93	14		171	141	108
period 1-8 sum			203	152	134	6,752	10,752	7,140	49	0	1	145	23	0	589	772	353

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 China Poot Subdistrict excluding the China Poot special harvest area, and
- 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).

EASTERN DISTRICT: Commercial salmon fishing in Resurrection Bay will be closed from Saturday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 4. Commercial fishing will resume in waters of the Bear Creek special harvest area at 6:00 AM on July 5, on a schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM weekday fishing periods. Commercial purse seine salmon fishing is permitted up to the freshwater of Bear Creek using the definition of fresh water located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26). General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 5AAC 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Bear Lake special harvest area until further notice.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 7.

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,

