



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #8

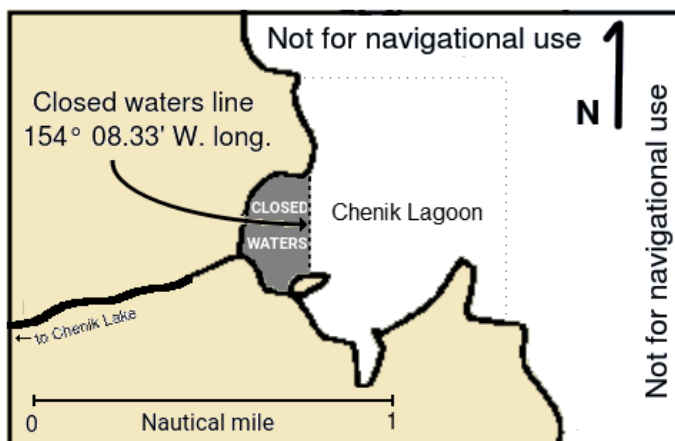


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Chenik Subdistrict including waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 1) will open to commercial salmon harvest for a six-hour fishing period from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Friday, July 7. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in Chenik Lagoon until further notice.

Other 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, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area (SHA). Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on June 15. To date, 111 sockeye salmon have been documented entering Chenik Lake. Escapement

monitoring into Chenik Lake is ongoing in real-time. Fishing opportunity may be adjusted on short notice based on this.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Commercial salmon fishing in Resurrection Bay will close until further notice at 10:00 PM on Friday, July 14. Prior to this, commercial purse seine salmon harvest is ongoing in waters of the Bear Creek SHA on a schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Friday 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 General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 5AAC 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Bear Lake SHA until further notice.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: the China Poot SHA 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 2), will open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest at 6:00 AM on Friday, July 7 and will 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 following areas remain open on this schedule,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- Tutka Bay Subdist, excluding the Tutka Hatchery SHA,
- the China Poot Subdistrict, 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).

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.

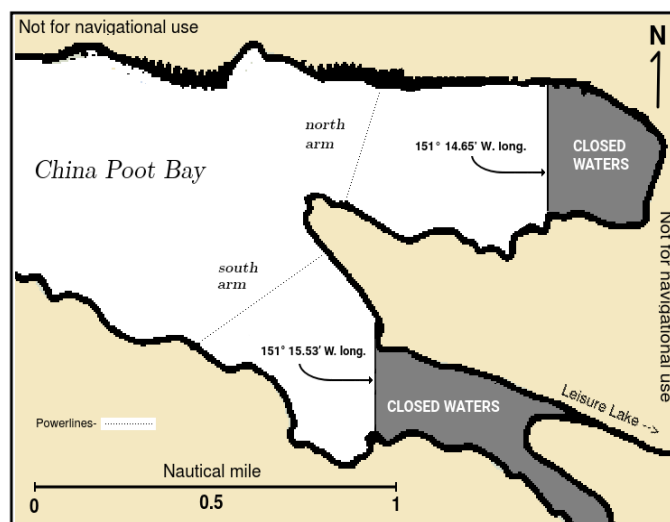


Figure 2.- China Poot Bay area showing “CLOSED WATERS” portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

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 |
| 9.) | 6/29-7/1 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 1,748 | 2,496 | 1,114 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 175 | 36 | 22 | 220 | 202 | 147 |
| 10.) | 7/3-7/5 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 8 | 1,561 | 2,014 | 959 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 339 | 168 | 149 | 311 | 216 | 166 |
| period 1-10 sum | | | 228 | 177 | 148 | 10,061 | 15,262 | 9,213 | 63 | 0 | 3 | 658 | 227 | 171 | 1,120 | 1,190 | 666 |

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 14.

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.

