



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #12

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)).

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Chenik Subdistrict including waters of the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. opened to commercial salmon harvest for an eight-hour fishing period from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM earlier today on Friday, July 14, and will re-open on Saturday, July 15 for an eight-hour fishing period from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. 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 (excluding the Chenik Subdistrict) are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. An aerial survey of the Chenik lagoon on Saturday, July 8 documented a minimum of 5,000 sockeye salmon in the lagoon. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on June 15. To date, 286 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.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: the China Poot special harvest area (SHA) will be closed to commercial common property harvest on Monday, July 17. The SHA will re-open on Wednesday, July 19 and Friday July 21 for 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. This includes 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). 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,
- Tutka Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Hatchery SHA,
- the China Poot Subdistrict excluding the SHA, 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.

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).

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open beginning at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 17 on a schedule of daily 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. These areas are,

- the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict, and
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict.

The East Nuka Subdistrict is currently on this schedule and will remain so. Regulatory closed waters (5AAC 21.350(f)(12)) that apply to Delight Lake are suspended until further notice. The Delight Lake freshwater lagoon, and the channel draining the freshwater lagoon remain closed to commercial salmon fishing. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of Desire Lake creek. 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)). An aerial survey of Delight Lake conducted on July 13, documented 5,190 sockeye salmon in that lake. This is within the aerial survey based sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 5,100 – 10,600 fish. An aerial survey of Desire Lake conducted on that day documented 13,010 fish. This is above the Desire Lake SEG of 4,800 – 11,900 fish.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Commercial salmon fishing in Resurrection Bay will close until further notice at 10:00 PM this evening, (July 14).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 21.

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:

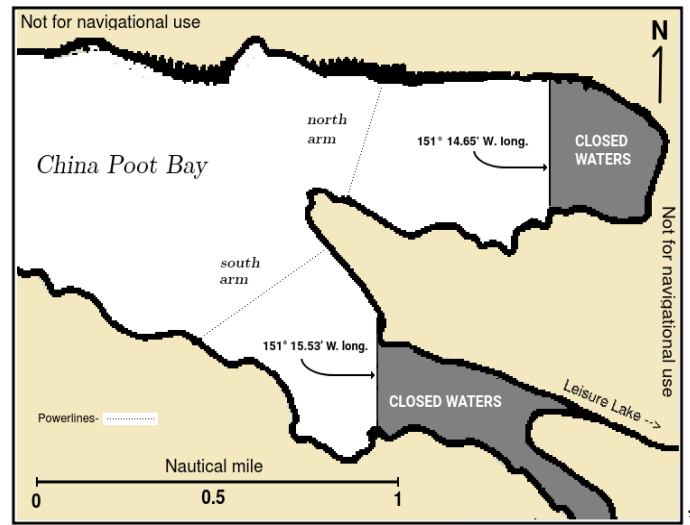
https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020_2022_cf_cook_inlet_salmon.pdf

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.



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