



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #13

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Chenik Subdistrict including waters of the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. longitude will open to commercial salmon harvest on a schedule of daily sixteen-hour commercial fishing periods, from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM beginning at 6:00 AM on Sunday, July 16. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. longitude until further notice. 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. Through July 13, a total of 290 sockeye salmon have been counted entering Chenik Lake. However, from 6:00 AM until 1:00 PM today (July 15) approximately 450 fish have been counted entering the lake during this seven-hour period for a minimum of 740 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lake. The sustainable escapement goal for Chenik Lake is 2,900 – 13,700 sockeye salmon. Escapement monitoring into Chenik Lake is ongoing in real-time. Fishing opportunity may be adjusted on short notice based on this. Harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict is confidential due to fewer than three permit holders reporting deliveries.

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. Fishing periods (excluding the Chenik Subdistrict) are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day.

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.

