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Advisory Announcement

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(907) 235-8191 **Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #18 SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine:** Effective at 6:00 AM on Thursday, August 3 waters of the Tutka Bay

Lagoon Hatchery SHA offshore of the HEA powerlines opens on a Monday to Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM schedule of fishing periods until further notice.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Thursday, August 3, the closed waters in the Ursus Cove Subdistrict associated with Brown's Peak Creek are suspended. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of Brown's Peak Creek using the definition of fresh water found in 5AAC39.975(a)(26). This states that 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.

In addition, as previously announced, the closed waters in the Rocky Cove Subdistrict associated with Sunday Creek also are suspended. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of Sunday Creek using the definition of fresh water found in 5AAC39.975(a)(26). This states that 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.

Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), remain open to commercial salmon harvest excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long.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.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 4.

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.

