



## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #25

## **Permit holders are encouraged to confirm their markets before harvesting salmon.**

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Effective at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 21, waters of the Island Creek Section and the Middle Creek Section in the Port Dick Subdistrict will open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest on a schedule concurrent with other areas in this district. On Monday, August 21 from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM for one fishing period only, regulatory closed waters, (5AAC 21.350(f)(10)) which apply to Island Creek are suspended with commercial fishing permitted up to the fresh water of Island 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)).

The following areas remain open 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 Rocky Bay Subdistrict,
- the East Nuka Subdistrict.
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Head End and Taylor Bay sections of Port Dick, and

In addition, waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. lat., 150° 48.00' W. longitude are open on this schedule as well. 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)).

A ground survey was conducted earlier today with 13,556 chum and 5,608 pink salmon counted in Island Creek. The sustainable escapement goal ranges for these species in Island Creek are 5,100 – 11,000 for chum, and 9,600 – 32,500 for pink salmon. The department anticipates a survey of Port Dick Creek to occur on Monday, August 21 weather permitting.

## **The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 25.**

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](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.

