



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #27

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: waters of the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) excluding waters inshore of a line from 59° 27.54' N. lat., 151° 25.82' W. long. to 59° 26.15' N. lat., 151° 22.76' W. long. (see Figure 1) remain open to commercial purse seine salmon harvest on a Monday through Friday schedule of 16-hour fishing periods starting at 6:00 AM on those days. Anadromous waters restrictions in the Tutka SHA are rescinded until further notice. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of anadromous streams in the Tutka SHA using the definition of "fresh water" in 5AAC 39.975(26). This clearly states that, "fresh water of streams and rivers" means fresh water 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.

All other subdistricts in the Southern District remain closed to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest.

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.

OUTER DISTRICT: 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 Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Head End, Middle Creek, Island Creek, and Taylor Bay sections of Port Dick, and
- the East Nuka Subdistrict.
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict,

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)).

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: 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 for Brown's Peak Creek, Sunday Creek, and in the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. longitude, as well as the portion of Iniskin Bay south of 59° 46.30' N. lat. until further notice. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on June 15. As of 8/15 an estimated 7,304 sockeye salmon have been documented entering Chenik Lake.

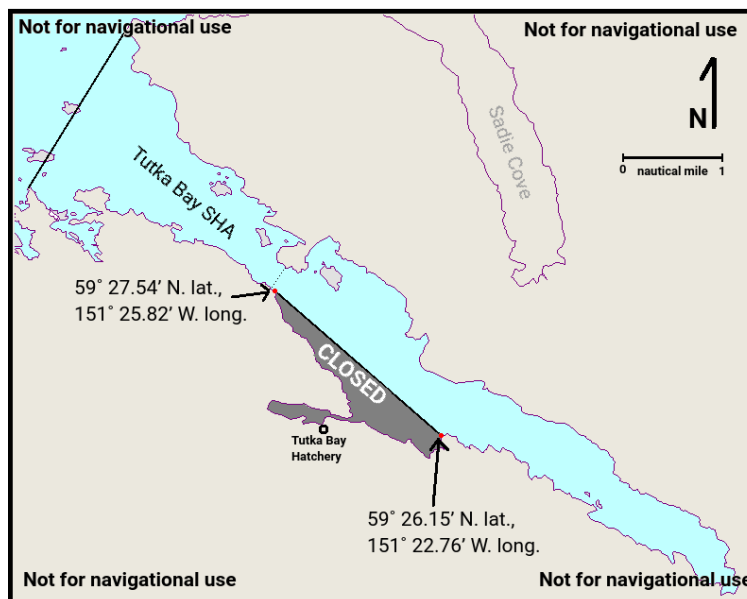


Figure 1.- Tutka Bay special harvest area showing waters open to commercial common property purse seine harvest excluding waters inshore of a line from a point at 59° 27.54' N. lat., 151° 25.82' W. long. to a point at 59° 26.15' N. lat., 151° 22.76' W. long.

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.) before August 9 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., and north of 59° 46.30' N. latitude in the waters of Iniskin Bay from August 9 and afterwards;
- 4.) before August 2 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., 153° 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.) before August 3 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)).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, September 1.

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.

