



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #16

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM Thursday, July 24 the waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict south of 59° 36.60' is closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice. Waters north of this line remain open on a schedule of daily 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM. An aerial survey flown on July 22 documented that sockeye passage in Delight Creek into Delight Lake is impeded due to dry weather conditions.

Effective at 6:00 AM on Thursday, July 24 the following areas will open on a daily schedule of 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM. These areas are,

- the Dogfish Bay (Koyuktolik) Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict, and
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. latitude., 150° 48.00' W. longitude.

LCI salmon harvest is ongoing with seven commercial purse seine and twelve commercial set gillnet permit holders reporting deliveries. Seine harvest over the past 7-days from the Southern District is 160,000 sockeye salmon. An aerial survey on July 15 documented over 22 thousand sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon with the last harvest occurring on July 14. Harvest from the Chenik area is confidential with fewer than three CFEC permit holders reporting deliveries. Recent aerial surveys of the Eastern, Outer, and Kamishak districts generally documented anticipated levels of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon returns for this date. An aerial survey yesterday of Aialik Lake documented increasing numbers of sockeye salmon in the lake. Peterson (Aialik) Lagoon opened to commercial harvest on July 15 and remains open on a schedule of daily 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. There has been no commercial harvest reported from the Aialik Subdistrict this season.

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, (5AAC 39.975(a)(26)).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 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/2024_2027_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,

