



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #18

LCI salmon harvest is ongoing with eight commercial purse seine and twelve commercial set gillnet permit holders reporting deliveries. As of July 23, a total of 199,365 sockeye had been harvested from the Southern District by commercial purse seine permit holders. Aerial surveys of the Eastern, Outer, and Kamishak districts generally documented anticipated levels of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon returns for this date.

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM Friday, July 25 regulatory closed waters at the head of McCarty Fjord (5AAC21.350(f)(11)) are rescinded until further notice. Remaining waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict north of 59° 33.60' N. latitude remain open on a daily schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. An aerial survey flown on July 22 documented that sockeye passage from Delight Creek into Delight Lake is impeded due to dry weather conditions.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Aialik Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a daily schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. This includes the waters of Petersen (Aialik) Lagoon south of 59° 53.84' N. latitude (Figure 1).

An aerial survey flown on July 22 documented 5,100 sockeye salmon in Aialik Lake. This is more than the previous survey on July 15 where 4,150 were counted. Both counts are within the 3,400 – 11,000 fish SEG range for this species and system. There has been no commercial common property salmon harvest in 2025 from the Eastern District.

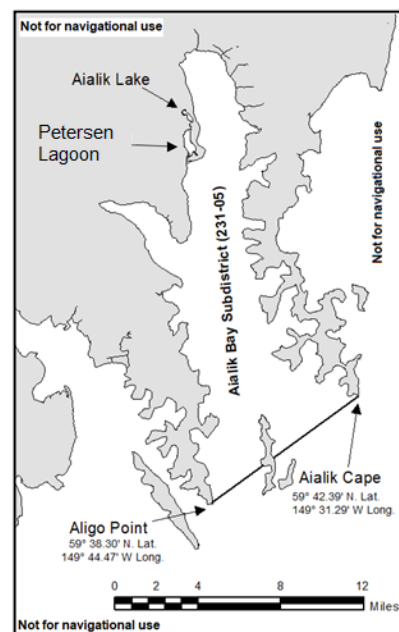


Figure 1.- Portion of the Eastern District showing Aialik Bay Subdistrict and Petersen Lagoon.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area remain open on a daily schedule of 24-hour fishing periods.

The Chenik Subdistrict including the portion of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. is open on a schedule of daily 24-hour fishing periods. The Chenik video counting station has documented 8,000 salmon entering Chenik Lake towards an SEG range of 2,900 – 13,700 fish. An aerial survey conducted on July 15 documented over 22,000 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. The last delivery from this area occurred on July 14. Harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict is confidential due to fewer than three permits reporting deliveries.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour commercial fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) southeast of a line between a point at 59° 28.22' N. Lat., 151° 27.85' W. Long., and another point at 59° 28.76' N. Lat., 151° 26.75' W. Long., and
- the Neptune Bay and China Poot Bay sections, excluding the Hazel Lake and China Poot SHAs.

Commercial common property seine harvest to date from the Southern District is 199,365 sockeye, 423 pink, 164 chum, 89 coho, and 2 Chinook salmon.

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 as defined in 5AAC 21.320(a)(3). Harvest from last week's fishing periods is shown in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District 2025 set gillnet harvests (n-fish) by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2025 del.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.	5-yr avg	2024 harv.	2025 harv.
1.)	6/2-6/4	5	21	11	3	434	141	210	0	0		0	0	6	14	1	200
2.)	6/5-6/7	5	26	8	4	514	252	198	0	0		0	0		22	3	13
3.)	6/9-6/11	5	28	13	10	697	304	329	0	0		0	0		49	1	32
4.)	6/12-6/14	5	25	9	20	772	255	441	0	0		0	0	2	42	6	109
5.)	6/16-6/18	5	24	19	22	901	794	331	1	1		1	1		45	35	51
6.)	6/19-6/21	6	23	11	9	941	574	659	0	0		4	0	1	69	14	80
7.)	6/23-6/25	5	16	6	3	1,260	1,525	598	1	0		3	1		83	93	77
8.)	6/26-6/28	6	13	6	4	1,247	1,163	1,175	2	0		7	5	7	92	51	113
9.)	6/30-7/2	7	9	4	7	1,919	3,151	2,170	2	2	1	57	10	27	198	167	312
10.)	7/3-7/5	7	9	5	3	2,026	4,426	2,711	4	3	4	182	17	95	235	175	429
11.)	7/7-7/9	8	7	5	7	1,467	3,947	2,825	8	5	2	326	40	120	173	172	513
12.)	7/10-7/12	8	6	4	3	1,050	1,986	3,206	57	1	48	492	51	123	135	103	408
13.)	7/14-7/16	6	6	0	2	1,157	2,269	2,017	158	2	19	997	75	56	194	102	258
14.)	7/17-7/19	6	6	0	7	1,206	655	2,427	161	12	48	2,105	160	98	230	81	329
15.)	7/21-7/23	7	4	0	2	1,371	754	2,680	120	0	81	1,169	302	346	173	113	306
period 1-15 sum			223	101	106	16,963	22,196	21,977	514	26	203	5,344	662	881	1,754	1,117	3,230

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, August 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/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,

