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Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #26

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: 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. remains open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour commercial fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days.

Purse seine harvest through August 20 from the Southern District is estimated at 205,000 sockeye, 800 pink, 175 chum, 95 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 recent fishing periods are 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		
		2025	5-yr	2024	2025	5-yr	2024	2025	5-yr	2024	2025	5-yr	2024	2025	5-yr	2024	2025
	dates	del.	avg	harv.	harv.	avg	harv.	harv.	avg	harv.	harv.	avg	harv.	harv.	avg	harv.	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
16.)	7/24-7/26	6	4	0		976	372	2,762	177	4	32	1,629	243	264	236	57	126
17.)	7/28-7/30	6	3	1		573	397	1,643	132	3	3	1,606	222	141	96	43	74
18.)	7/31-8/2	4	1	0		200	63	1,438	104	5	17	1,104	1	134	61	2	77
19.)	8/4-8/6	<3	0	0		124	32		60	2		708	0		26	0	

period 1-19 sum 230 102 106 18,836 23,060 28,007 987 40 300 10,391 1,128 1,483 2,172 1,219 3,545

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

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Anadromous waters restrictions that pertain to Cottonwood Creek, Ursus Cove creeks, Sunday Creek, the Bruin River, and Brown's Peak Creek remain suspended per previous announcements. Commercial salmon fishing is permitted up to the exposed headland banks of those systems at the present stage of the tide. Remaining subdistricts of the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict remain open on a daily schedule of 24-hour fishing periods. Regulatory closed waters restrictions that pertain to the Iniskin Subdistrict (5AAC 21.350(e)(3)) are suspended until further notice. Commercial salmon fishing is permitted in Iniskin Bay south of 59° 46.30' N. latitude on a schedule concurrent with other areas in the Kamishak District. 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 14,315 salmon entering Chenik Lake. This is above the SEG range of 2,900 – 13,700 fish. Purse seine harvest from the Kamishak District through August 20 is estimated at 78,000 sockeye, 50,000 pink, and 3,300 chum salmon.

<u>OUTER DISTRICT:</u> The following subdistricts remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday sixteen-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on those days. These areas are the Dogfish (Koyuktolik) Bay Subdistrict, the Windy Bay Subdistrict, the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, the portion 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, and the portion of the East Nuka Subdistrict north of 59° 33.60' N. latitude. Regulatory closed waters in the northern portion of the East Nuka Subdistrict (5AAC21.350(f)(11)) are suspended. However, fishermen must remain 500 yards from the terminus of all anadromous streams in the East Nuka Subdistrict per 5AAC21.350(i).

Purse seine harvest from the Outer District through August 20 is estimated at 404,000 pink, 17,000 chum, 6,400 sockeye, 550 coho, and 30 Chinook salmon.

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 29.

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,

