



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #11

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: 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 set gillnet fishing periods to date is shown below,

Table 1.- Preliminary Southern District 2026 set gillnet harvests (n-fish) by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2026 del.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	6	12	4	10	403	210	392	0	0	0	6	6	0	53	203	5
2.)	6/4-6/6	6	16	4	17	458	204	457	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	16	1
3.)	6/8-6/10	8	19	16	9	663	333	583	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	52	3
4.)	6/11-6/13	9	14	12	16	734	446	710	0	0	0	2	2	0	48	110	7
5.)	6/15-6/17	8	22	22	14	903	373	1,624	1	0	0	1	0	0	48	51	44
6.)	6/18-6/20	7	18	12	11	954	685	1,588	0	0	0	3	1	0	80	82	14
7.)	6/22-6/24	7	14	3	20	1,205	622	900	1	0	0	3	0	0	89	77	32
8.)	6/25-6/27	8	11	5	15	1,317	1,227	1,132	0	0	0	7	7	1	94	113	68
9.)	6/29-7/1	8	7	8	11	2,136	2,287	1,764	1	1	0	21	27	2	229	338	58
10.)	7/2-7/4	10	8	4	3	2,520	3,639	1,537	5	11	2	135	82	2	304	530	41
11.)	7/6-7/8	7	8	10	1	2,000	3,706	1,931	21	76	7	172	114	64	240	482	105
12.)	7/9-7/11	9	4	5	0	1,682	4,031	2,406	20	75	55	200	123	59	183	419	55
13.)	7/13-7/15	7	4	5	0	1,764	4,135	1,081	48	57	29	433	128	112	205	341	83
14.)	7/16-7/18	7	5	5	2	1,635	3,026	1,971	61	54	46	756	144	288	257	354	35
15.)	7/20-7/22	5	4	3	0	1,863	2,743	915	94	126	8	610	362	348	222	316	44
period 1-15 sum			165	118	129	20,239	27,667	18,991	252	400	147	2,349	996	876	2,128	3,484	595

Purse seine: In the Southern District, waters in the vicinity of Coal Point as defined by a rectangle between the following points, 59° 36.43' N. lat., 151° 25.36' W. long., 59° 36.43' N. lat., 151° 23.65' W. long., 59° 35.57' N. lat., 151° 23.65' W. long., and 59° 35.57' N. lat., 151° 25.36' W. longitude will **remain closed** to commercial salmon harvest.

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), and
- the Neptune Bay and China Poot Bay sections, excluding the Hazel Lake and China Poot SHAs.

The Northshore Subdistrict and all other areas of the Southern District remain closed to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. Preliminary seine harvest through July 22 from the Southern District is approximately 103,000 sockeye, 67 Chinook, 700 chum, 1,400 pink, and 120 coho salmon.

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 27 the following areas will open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days. The open 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.

A survey was flown of the Outer District on Wednesday, July 15. Chum numbers were low and typical for this date in Rocky Bay and Port Dick systems. Less than a dozen sockeye salmon were counted in McCarty Fjord in saltwater. Three hundred sockeye salmon were counted in Delight Lake, and three hundred in Desire Lake. Additional aerial surveys may be flown over the weekend if surveyable weather occurs.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective Monday July 27 at 12:01 AM, the Chenik Subdistrict including the portion of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 1) will open on 7-day per week schedule of 24-hours per day fishing periods concurrent with remaining subdistricts of the Kamishak District, excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake special harvest area. All harvests from the Kamishak District are confidential due to fewer than 3 processors buying salmon from that area and not having signed confidentiality waivers. Sockeye salmon escapement into Chenik Lake is posted here:

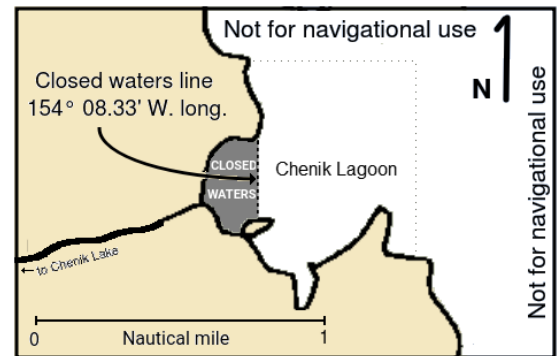


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. long. is closed.

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts>

EASTERN DISTRICT: Waters of the Aialik Bay Subdistrict including the waters of Peterson Lagoon, south of 59° 53.84' N. latitude, remain open on a 7-day per week schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM 16-hour fishing periods.

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 31.

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, area maps, 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,

