



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #15

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Effective at 10:00 PM, on July 31 all waters of the Southern District will close to commercial common property purse seine harvest and will remain closed until further notice.

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
16.)	7/23-7/25	2	4	0	1	1,463	2,786	557	130	48	27	855	264	1,280	246	126	54
17.)	7/27-7/29	3	2	0	0	815	1,745	95	86	39	8	540	141	254	94	74	13
period 1-17 sum			171	118	130	22,517	32,198	19,643	468	487	182	3,744	1,401	2,410	2,467	3,684	662

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

A survey was flown of the Outer District on Wednesday, July 29. Chum numbers were low for this date in Rocky Bay and Port Dick systems. Less than a dozen sockeye salmon were counted in McCarty Fjord in saltwater. 1,370 sockeye salmon were counted in Delight Lake, and 3,070 in Desire Lake. These estimates are below the SEG

range for Delight Lake (5,100 – 10,600 fish) as well as Desire Lake (4,800 – 11,900 fish). Additional aerial surveys will be flown over the weekend weather permitting.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Waters of the Kamishak District remain open on a 7-day per week schedule of 24-hours per day fishing periods excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict and the Paint River Subdistrict. Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict east of 154° 08.33' W. long. is open (Figure 1). 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:

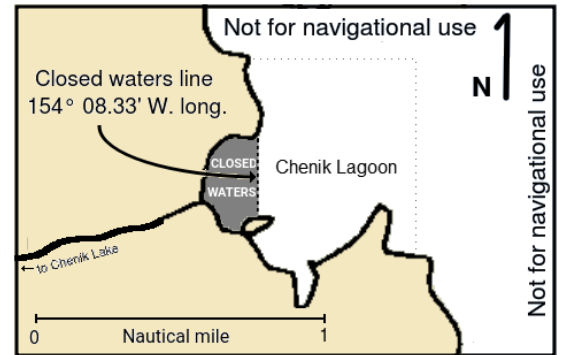


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. long. is closed.

<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. An aerial survey of Aialik Lake flown on July 29 documented 7,000 sockeye salmon in Aialik Lake. This is above the 3,200 – 5,400 SEG range for this system and species.

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 7.

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,

