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NEWS RELEASE

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict west of 151° 50.05' W. longitude, and waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict towards the head of the bay south of 59° 20.83' N. latitude and north of 59° 19.5' N. latitude will open for a 16-hour fishing period from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Friday, August 10. Waters of the Port Graham Hatchery special harvest area (SHA) remain closed to common property purse seine harvest during this period. See figure 1 below,

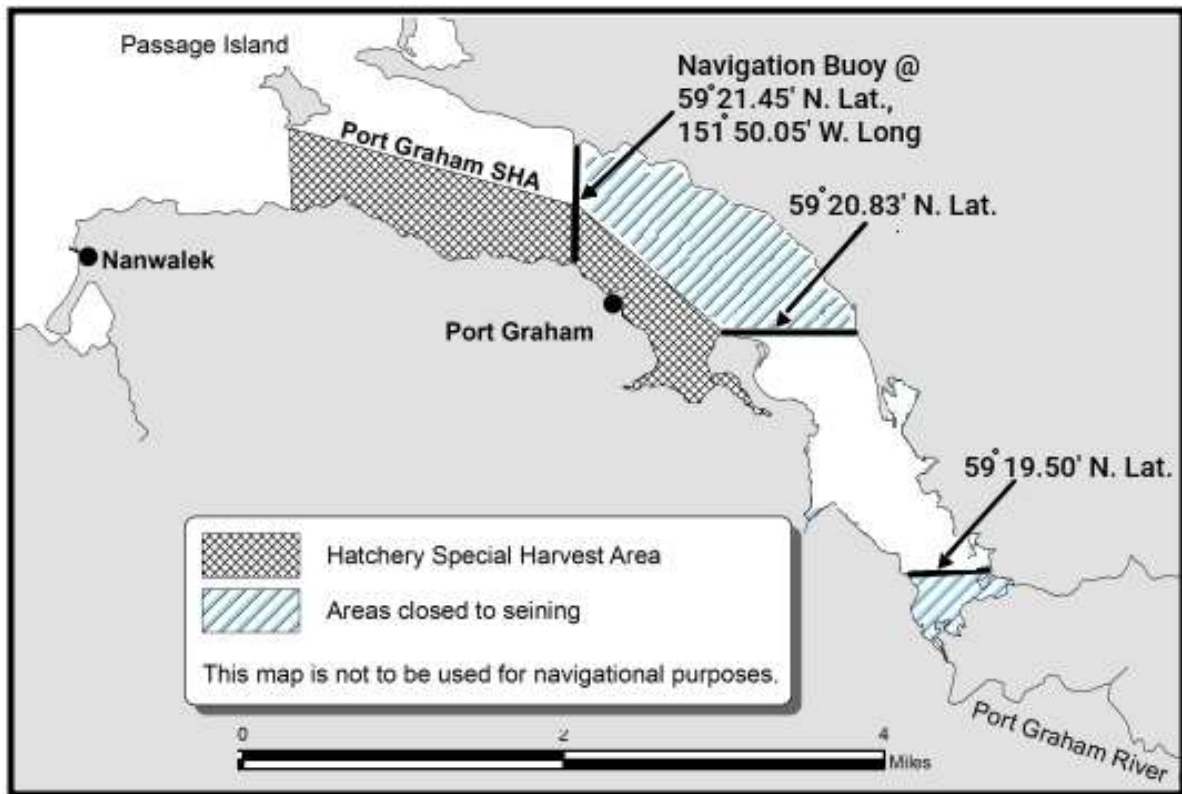


Figure 1.- Port Graham Subdistrict showing waters open to commercial common property purse seine harvest.

In addition, waters of the Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA excluding waters inshore of a line from 59° 27.54' N. lat., 151° 25.82' W. long. to 59° 26.15' N. lat., 151° 22.76' W. long. (see figure 2) will open on Friday, August 10 for a 16-hour fishing commercial purse seine fishing period from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Anadromous waters restrictions in the Tutka SHA are rescinded until further notice. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of anadromous streams in the Tutka SHA using the definition of “fresh water” in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26). This clearly states that, “fresh water of streams and rivers” means fresh water 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.

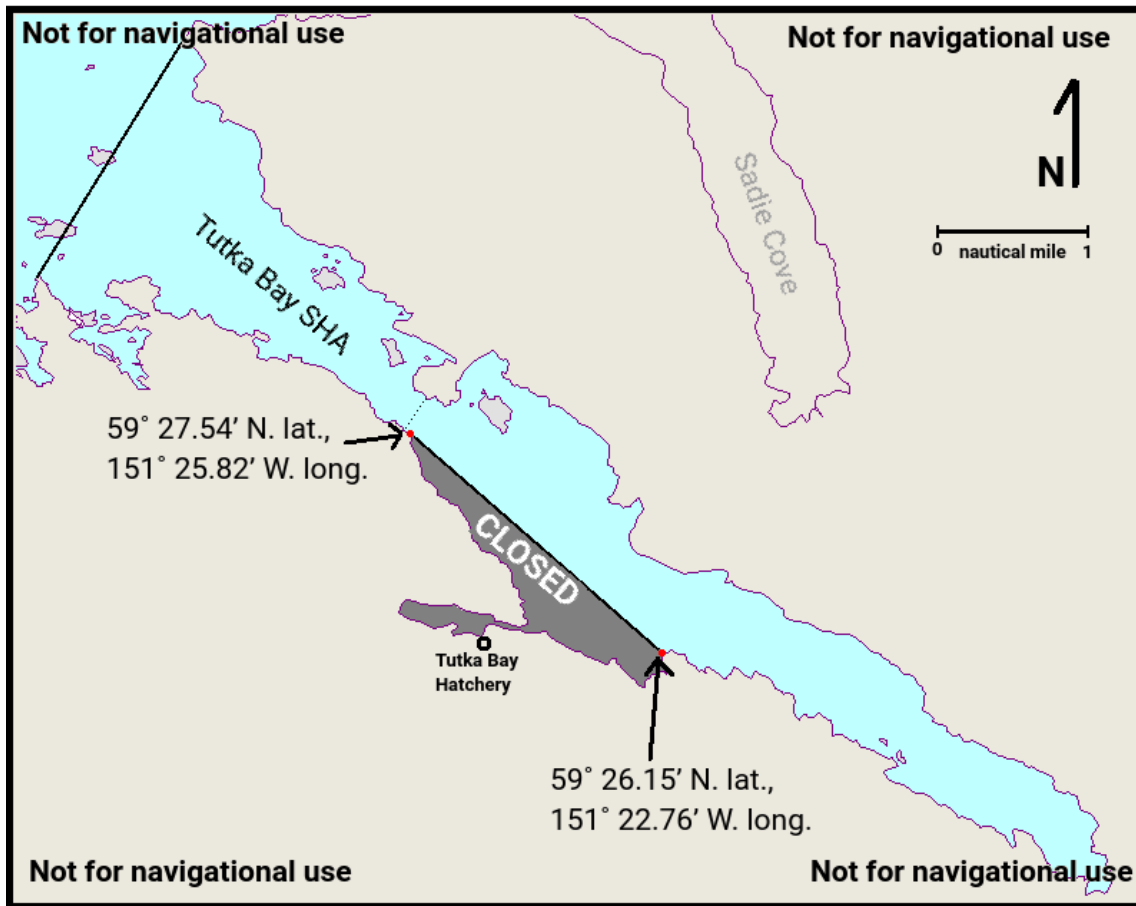


Figure 2.- Tutka Bay special harvest area showing waters open to commercial common property purse seine harvest excluding waters inshore of a line from a point at 59° 27.54' N. lat., 151° 25.82' W. long. to a point at 59° 26.15' N. lat., 151° 22.76' W. long.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 10.

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