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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #3

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 the Monday, June 1 fishing period was 49 Chinook, 307 sockeye, and 5 chum salmon. This compares to last year's harvest from the first commercial set gillnet period of 33 Chinook, 675 sockeye, and 15 chum salmon. The five-year harvest average for this period is 43 Chinook, 591 sockeye, and 18 chum salmon. The English Bay River weir is anticipated to be installed today.

Purse seine: The commercial purse seine season in the Southern District is anticipated to open on Monday, June 15 on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6:00 am to 10:00 pm fishing periods.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) cost recovery harvest is ongoing with 30,156 sockeye salmon harvested from saltwater through yesterday (6/4). This compares to 51,051 fish harvested by this date last year. As of Wednesday, a total of 2,120 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Bear Creek weir.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Mikfik Lake video monitoring system was installed on June 3. A dozen or so sockeye salmon were observed in McNeil Lagoon with fish also occurring in lower Mikfik Creek.

COVID-19: Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/> and may also be accessed by scanning the following QR code using a smart phone,



The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 12.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. 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>,

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