Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #4

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday June 15, Wednesday June 17, and Friday June 19 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

-the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon,
-the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),
-the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water and salt water boundary located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26), and
-the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west longitude, and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west longitude.
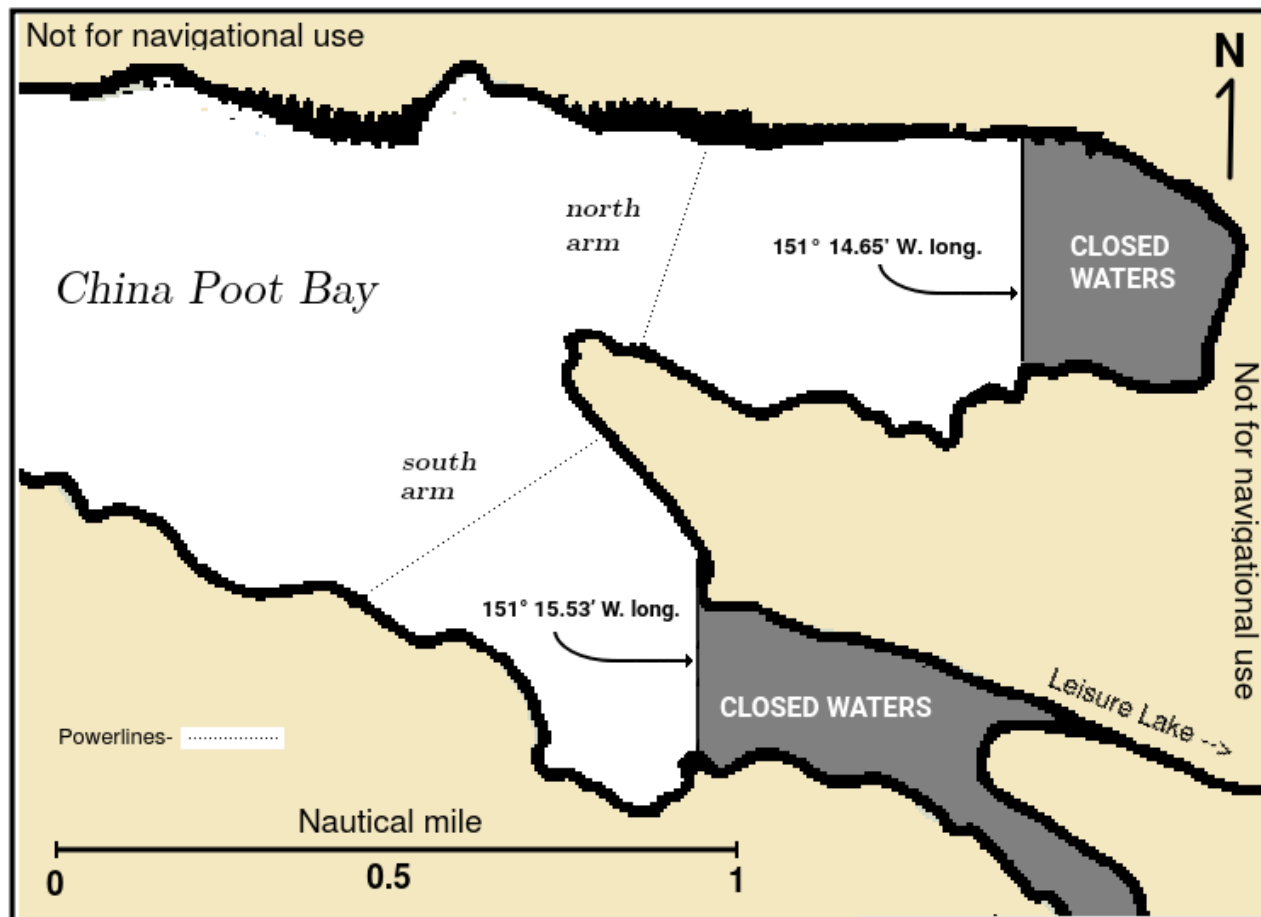

Figure 1.- China Poot Bay area showing "CLOSED WATERS" portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

Following these periods, this schedule of MWF fishing periods will continue in these areas 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 fishing periods to date is shown below in Table 1,

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Chum		
	dates	2020 deliveries	5-yr average	2019 harvest	2020 harvest	5-yr average	2019 harvest	2020 harvest	5-yr average	2019 harvest	2020 harvest
1.)	6/1-6/3	10	43	33	49	591	675	367	18	15	7
2.)	6/4-6/6	11	25	25	53	436	601	482	21	16	17
3.)	6/8-6/10	10	32	37	59	519	832	505	57	13	30
	sum		**100**	**95**	**161**	**1,546**	**2,108**	**1,354**	**96**	**44**	**54**

The English Bay River weir was installed last week. Fish passage has not been reported.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e) opened for the 2020 commercial purse seine season on June 1. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. Effective June 15, the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner Lake SHA will be closed until further notice. Also on that date, waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. will open to commercial salmon harvest. See Figure 2 at right. This announcement supersedes language in the LCI News Release #1 regarding Chenik Lagoon.
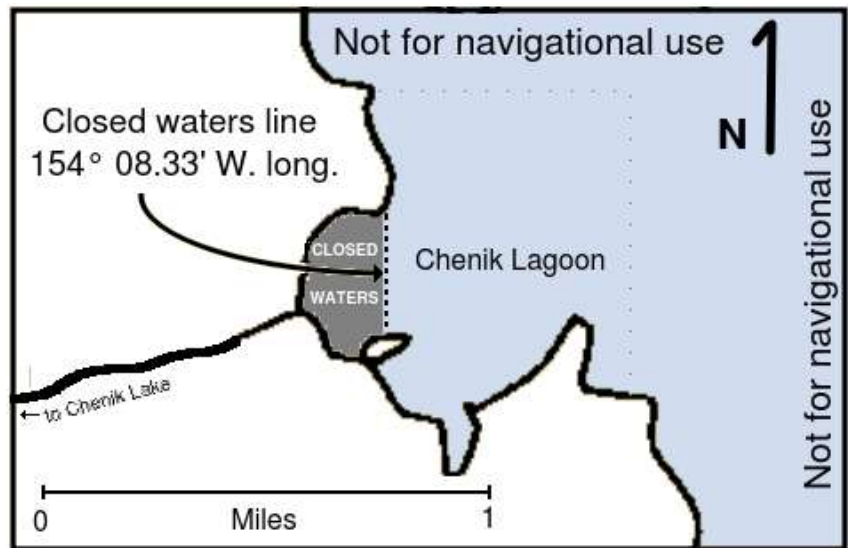

Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

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 quick read (QR) code at right using a smart phone,

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 19.

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,
which may also be accessed by scanning the adjacent QR code,