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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #6

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: Effective Monday, June 29 the Hazel Lake special harvest area (SHA) is closed to common property purse seine harvest. The Hazel Lake SHA is defined in 5AAC 21.373(b)(5). In remaining portions of the Southern District, the following areas are open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days. Open areas are,

- -the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon,
- -the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery SHA,
- -the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west long., and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west long, and -the Neptune Bay Section *excluding the Hazel Lake SHA*.

See Figure 1 below,

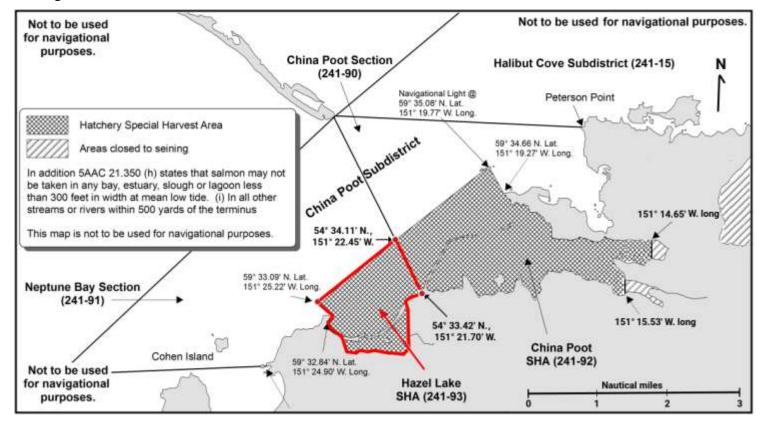


Figure 1.- China Poot Subdistrict showing Neptune Bay Section and China Poot Section. Effective Monday, June 29, the Hazel Lake SHA is closed to commercial common property purse seine salmon fishing.

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 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		
		2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020
	dates	deliveries	average	harvest	harvest	average	harvest	harvest	average	harvest	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
4.)	6/11-6/13	10	55	33	65	979	798	627	191	11	81
5.)	6/15-6/17	4	46	33	35	953	1,352	364	149	48	34
6.)	6/18-6/20	7	35	26	36	1,183	1,451	620	237	81	25
7.)	6/22-6/24	10	46	34	12	1,058	1,602	907	235	176	45
period 1-7 sum		281	221	309	5,719	7,311	3,872	908	360	239	

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective at 12:01 AM on Wednesday, July 1 waters of Chenik Subdistrict will be closed to commercial salmon harvest. Hard drive retrieval and review will occur early the following week. Prior to July 1, waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. is open to commercial salmon harvest. See Figure 2 at right.

The McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and Kirschner SHA remain closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice.

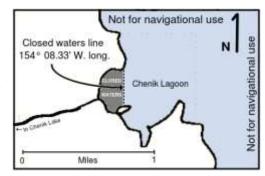


Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

EASTERN DISTRICT: The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will be open from Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 for daily 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM commercial purse seine fishing periods. This area will be closed on Friday, July 3 and through the remainder of the holiday weekend.

COVID-19: Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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 Thursday, July 2.

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,