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## Advisory Announcement

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## Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #9

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT:** Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 16-hour fishing periods 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 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.

2020 Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing regulation books are available at ADF&G offices, and online here: <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020\_2022\_cf\_cook\_inlet\_salmon.pdf</u> This website may also be accessed by scanning the quick read (QR) code at right using a smart phone.



**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,

1 a	Table 1 Southern District set ginnet har vests, current year, last year and previous 5-year average.																
period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
		2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020	5-yr	2019	2020
	dates	deliveries	average	harvest	harvest												
1.)	6/1-6/3	10	43	33	49	591	675	367	0	0		0	0		18	15	7
2.)	6/4-6/6	11	25	25	53	436	601	482	0	0		26	0		21	16	17
3.)	6/8-6/10	10	32	37	59	519	832	505	1	0		0	0		57	13	30
4.)	6/11-6/13	10	55	33	65	979	798	627	1	0		4	0		191	11	81
5.)	6/15-6/17	4	46	33	35	953	1,352	364	0	0		1	1		149	48	34
6.)	6/18-6/20	7	35	26	36	1,183	1,451	620	20	0		61	7		237	81	25
7.)	6/22-6/24	10	46	34	12	1,058	1,602	907	35	0	1	70	170		235	176	45
8.)	6/25-6/27	11	37	29	8	1,431	1,469	859	10	0	2	188	301	5	281	243	104
9.)	6/29-7/1	10	30	16	21	1,754	1,892	1,180	16	0	2	634	415	207	381	143	181
period 1-9 sum		348	266	338	8,904	10,672	5,911	82	0	5	983	894	212	1,570	746	524	

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

Passage at the English Bay weir through June 29 is 6,552 sockeye salmon. This is above the desired range for this date of 2,732 - 6,147 fish in order to achieve the sustainable escapement goal of 6,000 - 13,500 fish on July 31 when the weir is removed.

**KAMISHAK DISTRICT:** The McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, the Chenik Subdistrict, and Kirschner SHA remain closed to commercial salmon harvest until further notice. Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e) remain open on a 7-days per week, 24-hour per day schedule.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will be open from Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10 for daily 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM commercial purse seine fishing periods.

**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 QR code at right.

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

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,

