



## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #10

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict, Windy Bay Subdistrict, Rocky Bay Subdistrict, as well as Port Dick Middle, Head End, and Island Creek sections will open on Monday, July 13 to commercial purse seine harvest and will remain open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods until further notice. The Delight Lake weir was installed by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) on July 4 and is being operated by CIAA staff. Through July 6, a total of 41 sockeye salmon had been counted. This is <1% of the minimum SEG of 7,500 fish. Typically on July 6<sup>th</sup> this run is 5.6% complete. An aerial survey conducted on July 9 observed the Delight Lake River to be dry due to lack of precipitation.

**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 by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2020 del.	5-yr avg.	2019 harv.	2020 harv.	5-yr avg.	2019 harv.	2020 harv.	5-yr avg.	2019 harv.	2020 harv.	5-yr avg.	2019 harv.	2020 harv.	5-yr avg.	2019 harv.	2020 harv.
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
10.)	7/2-7/4	12	22	10	7	1,533	1,589	1,172	53	16	8	990	255	320	408	255	184
11.)	7/6-7/8	10	28	19	8	2,084	1,732	1,018	145	254	24	1,618	691	884	506	271	147
period 1-11 sum			397	295	353	12,520	13,993	8,101	280	270	37	3,591	1,840	1,416	2,483	1,272	855


Passage at the English Bay weir through July 3 is 8,124 sockeye salmon and is within the sustainable escapement goal of 6,000 – 13,500 fish for this system. As of July 3 this run is approximately 56.5% complete.

**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.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will be open from Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17 for daily 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM commercial purse seine fishing periods. The Resurrection Bay Subdistrict will close to commercial common property purse seine harvest at 10:00 PM on Friday, July 17 and will remain closed until further notice. No harvest from this fishery has been reported since July 2.


**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. The video monitoring system was installed in Chenik Lake in mid-June. As of July 7, approximately 650 sockeye salmon have been counted entering the lake. This is 22.4% of the minimum SEG of 2,900 fish. As of July 7, this run is approximately 28.5% complete.

**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 Friday, July 17.**

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

2020 Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing regulation books are available at ADF&G offices, and online here: [https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020\\_2022\\_cf\\_cook\\_inlet\\_salmon.pdf](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2020_2022_cf_cook_inlet_salmon.pdf)

This website may also be accessed by scanning the QR code at right. 

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,