



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #12

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
12.)	7/9-7/11	10	29	11	12	2,204	2,042	861	411	653	261	2,518	766	1,581	619	565	178
13.)	7/13-7/15	13	20	11	16	2,140	1,382	1,105	234	125	506	2,721	228	2,948	554	181	291
period 1-13 sum			446	317	381	16,865	17,417	10,067	925	1,048	804	8,831	2,834	5,945	3,657	2,018	1,324

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.

Through Wednesday, July 15 a total of 49,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested from the China Poot area by the commercial common property purse seine fleet. The preseason anticipated return of sockeye salmon to China Poot Lake is 25,000 fish. These fish were released into China Poot Lake as fry in 2016 and 2017 by Cook Inlet Aquaculture and are of English Bay River broodstock.

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 remain open to commercial purse seine harvest 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 15, a total of 61 sockeye salmon had been counted. This is <1% of the minimum SEG of 7,500 fish. Aerial surveys conducted on July 9 and 15 observed the Delight Lake River to be dry due to lack of precipitation.

EASTERN DISTRICT: 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, 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. Waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. opened to commercial salmon harvest on July 15 and remain open. See Figure 1 at right,

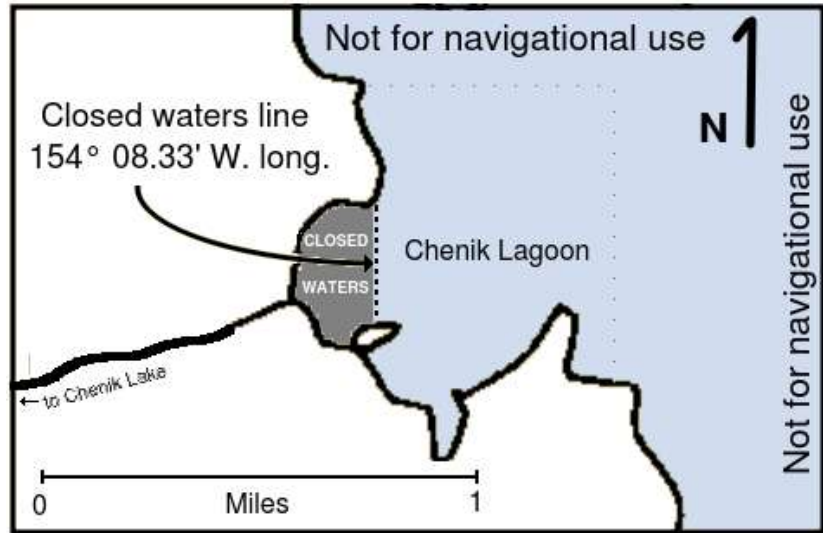


Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

The hard drive was recovered from the video monitoring station at Chenik Lake on July 13. A preliminary count of this media indicates that a total of approximately 2,600 sockeye salmon have entered Chenik Lake. Recent escapement data shows that this run is approximately 65% complete on this date. The sustainable escapement goal for this system is 2,900-13,700 fish.

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 24.

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

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,

