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## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #14

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine-** Waters of Tutka Bay Subdistrict northwest of a line between a point at 59° 28.22' N. Lat., 151° 27.85' W. Long., and another point at 59° 28.76' N. Lat., 151° 26.75' W. Long. (see Figure 1 at right) will open for a 16-hour fishing period at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 27 and remain open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods until further notice.

Also beginning on July 27, the China Poot and Hazel Lake special harvest areas (SHA) are CLOSED to commercial common property harvest.

In addition, effective at 6:00 AM on July 27, the Humpy Creek Subdistrict will open to common property harvest on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of commercial purse seine fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on those days.

The following areas remain open to commercial common property purse seine salmon harvest on a Monday, Wed., and Friday schedule of 16-hr fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon,
- the China Poot Section, excluding the China Poot SHA, and
- the Neptune Bay Section, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA.

**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	dates	2020 del.	Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
			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
14.)	7/16-7/18	15	19	12	7	2,306	1,528	866	388	201	552	3,227	248	6,889	604	317	216
15.)	7/20-7/22	11	6	5	2	1,675	1,752	271	315	220	228	3,164	301	3,159	414	230	75
period 1-15 sum			472	334	390	20,846	20,697	11,204	1,627	1,469	1,584	15,222	3,383	15,993	4,675	2,565	1,615



Figure 1.- Tutka Bay SHA showing waters closed to commercial common property salmon harvest.

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Effective Monday, July 27 at 6:00 AM, waters of the Port Chatham Subdistrict are open on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. Also on this date, the Rocky Bay Subdistrict is closed until further notice.

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 Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,

-the Windy Bay Subdistrict,

as well as the Port Dick Middle, Head End, and Island Creek sections until further notice.

The Delight Lake weir was installed by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) on July 2 and is being operated by CIAA staff. Through July 23, a total of 290 sockeye salmon had been counted. This is 3.9% of the minimum SEG of 7,500 fish.

**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. remain open to commercial salmon harvest.

**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 31.**

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,

