



Advisory Announcement
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2020 HAWK INLET TEST FISHERY UPDATE # 5

The department conducted the final 2020 Hawk Inlet shoreline test fishery on Friday, July 24. This last test fishery was an opportunistic event in addition to the four standard test fisheries that normally occur during the season. Because of the improvements observed to recent even-year pink salmon returns to northern inside waters, an additional test fishery was conducted. Because this test fishery is in addition to the standard test fisheries and occurred later in the season than previous years, there is not a consistent data set to compare it to but we can look at other year's results from close to this date. Comparing the total harvests for the day to recent even-year's harvests occurring close to this date (2012, 2016, and 2018), harvests of Chinook, sockeye and chum salmon were below average, and harvests of coho and pink salmon were above average.

The pink salmon sex ratio was 50% male, below previous years test fisheries conducted on or about this date.

For information regarding the 2020 standard Hawk Inlet test fisheries compared to historical averages, please see the Hawk Inlet Test Fishery Update # 4 issued on July 17, 2020.

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/>

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