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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #15

<u>OUTER DISTRICT</u>: The East Nuka Subdistrict will open for a 16-hour fishing period on Wednesday, July 29 and on Friday, July 31 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Commercial purse seine salmon fishing is permitted up to the freshwater outflows from Delight, Desire and Delusion lakes using the definition of freshwater and saltwater boundary found in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26) on page 93 of the 2020-2022 Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations book. In addition, 5AAC 21.350(f)(11) which pertains to the northern portion of McCarty Fjord is rescinded. The Delight Lake freshwater lagoon is **CLOSED** to commercial fishing.

Through July 27 a total of 6,193 fish have been counted by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association staff at the Delight Lake weir. Aerial surveys have counted 1,050 sockeye salmon in Desire Lake, and 1,550 in Delusion Lake.

<u>COVID-19</u>: 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: <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 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,

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