



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #17

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OUTER DISTRICT: Effective Aug. 4, this announcement supersedes Announcement #16 that was released July 31.

The following areas are open from Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 7 on a schedule of 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on each of those days,

- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict,
- the Port Dick Subdistrict including the Head End, Middle Creek, Island Creek, Taylor Bay, and Outer sections,
- the Nuka Island Subdistrict east of 150° 45.20'W. long.,
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,
- the East Nuka Subdistrict, and
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict. Beginning at 6:00 AM on August 4, regulatory closed waters defined in 5AAC 21.350(f)(2) in Windy Bay are suspended. Fishing is permitted south **and** east of a point at 59° 13.77'N. lat., 151° 33.37'W. long. Waters in Windy Bay that are north **or** east of this point are **CLOSED** to commercial fishing. See Figure 1 at right.

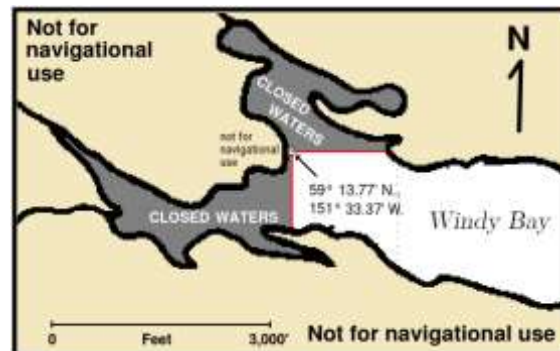


Figure 1.- Waters closed to commercial fishing in Windy Bay.

In addition, 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. Also, 5AAC 21.350(f)(11) which pertains to the northern portion of McCarty Fjord is rescinded.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.

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, August 7.

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.

