



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Announcement #24

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OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 6:00 AM on August 19, waters of the Head End Section of Port Dick are open east of 151° 18.88' W. longitude for a single 16 hour fishing period ending at 10:00 PM on August 19. Following this, regulatory closed waters for this section as defined in 5AAC 21.350(f)(8) are in effect until further notice.

The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday through Friday 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on each of those days,

- the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict,
- the Port Chatham Subdistrict,
- the Head End, Middle Creek, and Outer sections of the Port Dick Subdistrict,
- the Island Creek Section of the Port Dick Subdistrict south of a line between a point at 59° 17.03' N. lat., 151° 10.50' W. long., and another point at 59° 15.97' N. lat., 151° 05.48' W. longitude. See Figure 1 at right.
- the Nuka Island Subdistrict east of 150° 45.20' W. long.,
- the East Nuka Subdistrict, and
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict. 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 west of this point are CLOSED to commercial fishing.

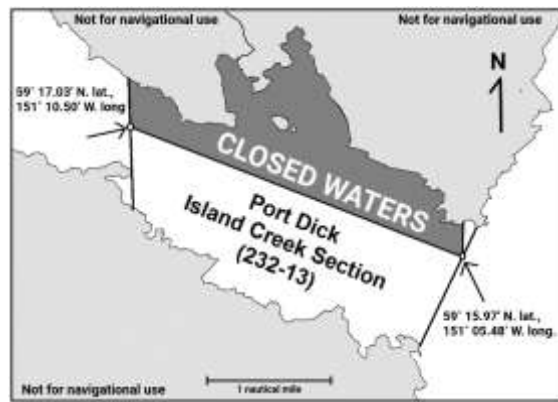


Figure 1.- Waters closed to commercial fishing in Port Dick Island Creek Section.

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Also, 5AAC 21.350(f)(11) which pertains to the northern portion of McCarty Fjord is rescinded.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 21.

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

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