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Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #2

Hatchery update: Through June 6, a total of 9,319 hatchery produced sockeye salmon have been harvested for cost recovery in Resurrection Bay towards an anticipated goal of 89,000 fish. On average during the past 10 years, 38% of the final cost recovery harvest has been landed by this date.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16-hour commercial fishing periods on Monday June 10, Wed. June 12, and Friday June 14 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

-the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,

-the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA), and

-the Neptune Bay and China Poot Bay sections, excluding the Hazel Lake and China Poot SHAs.

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 the 48 hour fishing period that began at 6:00 AM on Monday, June 3 was 141 sockeye, 11 Chinook, and 1 chum salmon.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), remain closed to commercial common property salmon harvest. Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict may open to salmon purse seine harvest at 12:01AM on Monday, June 17. Sockeye salmon escapement monitoring into Chenik Lake began on May 30 using satellite relayed video. Preliminary escapement counts into Chenik Lake are available online here: <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts</u>. No salmon have been counted entering the lake through June 6.

As a reminder, unless otherwise specified in regulation or by emergency order, commercial fishing for salmon is prohibited at all times within 500 yards of the fresh water of a salmon stream and over the beds or channels of streams and rivers at all stages of the tide. Fresh water is considered separated from salt water, at the mouth of streams and rivers, by a line drawn between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks at the present stage of the tide, (5AAC 39.975(a)(26)).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 14.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307. Current 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/2024_2027_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: <u>http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon,</u> which may also be accessed by scanning the adjacent QR code,

