



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #3

Hatchery update: Through June 13 a total of 28,326 Trail Lakes Hatchery produced sockeye salmon have been harvested from Resurrection Bay near Seward for cost recovery. Over the past 10 years, approximately 65% of the final cost recovery harvest has occurred by this date on average. The cost recovery goal for this return in 2024 is 89,000 fish.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule of 16-hour commercial fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days,

- 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). Cumulative harvest from the first three set gillnet fishing periods was 31 Chinook, 636 sockeye, and 4 chum salmon. Cumulative harvest last year from these periods was 47 Chinook, 2,199 sockeye, and 51 chum salmon. The previous 5-year harvest average for these periods combined was 87 Chinook, 1,928 sockeye, and 93 chum salmon.

Through June 13 a total of 1,125 sockeye salmon have passed through the English Bay River weir. This is above the range for this date (492 – 953) to achieve a final SEG of 6,300 – 12,200 by July 31 using historical run timing for this stock.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: All subdistricts of the Kamishak District remain closed to commercial common property salmon harvest. Sockeye salmon escapement monitoring at Chenik Lake began on May 30 using satellite relayed video. No salmon have been counted entering the lake through June 13. Preliminary escapement counts into Chenik Lake are available online here: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts>.

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 21.

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:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>,

which may also be accessed by scanning the adjacent QR code,

