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Advisory Announcement

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Chenik Lagoon

Closed waters line

154° 08.33' W. long.

long. is closed.

Nautical mile

Figure 1.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W.

Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #8

<u>OUTER DISTRICT</u>: The waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict north of 59° 33.60' N. latitude will open at 6:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17 on an ongoing schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on those days. Areas previously announced in this district, (the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict, the Port Chatham Subdistrict, and the Windy Bay Subdistrict) remain on this schedule. An aerial survey flown on Sunday, July 14 documented 5,090 fish in Desire Lake and 1,650 in Delight Lake. Minimum sustainable escapement goals (SEGs) for these systems are 4,800 and 5,100 respectively.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Effective at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 16, portions of the Chenik Subdistrict including waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 1) will open to commercial salmon harvest on a schedule concurrent with other open areas in the Kamishak District. Those areas are open 24-hours per day, seven days a week and do not include the McNeil or Paint River subdistricts, or the Kirschner Lake special harvest area. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in open portions of Chenik Lagoon until further notice. An aerial survey flown on Wednesday, July 10 documented over 4,000 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on May 30 using satellite relayed video. To date, 922 sockeye salmon have been documented entering

Chenik Lake towards an SEG of 2,900 fish. Preliminary escapement counts into Chenik Lake are available online here: <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm? adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts</u>, or by scanning the QR code at right.



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The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 19.

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,

