



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #9

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: The Chenik Subdistrict including the Chenik Lagoon will close to commercial salmon harvest at 11:59 PM on Saturday, July 20 and will remain closed to commercial salmon harvest. Other subdistricts in the Kamishak District excluding the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts, and also excluding the portion of the Bruin Bay Subdistrict that is defined as the Kirschner Lake special harvest area, are open 24-hours per day, seven days a week. An aerial survey flown on Thursday, July 18 documented over 1,500 sockeye salmon in Chenik Lagoon. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on May 30 using satellite relayed video. To date, 1,200 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: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#fishcounts>, or by scanning the QR code at right. Harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict is confidential due to fewer than three permit holders reporting deliveries.



OUTER DISTRICT: Effective Monday, July 22 at 6:00 AM waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict are open on an ongoing schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on those days. Regulatory closed waters (5AAC 21.350(f)(12)) that apply to Delight Lake are suspended until further notice. The Delight Lake freshwater lagoon, and the channel draining the freshwater lagoon remain closed to commercial salmon fishing. Fishing is permitted up to the fresh water of Desire Lake creek. 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, (5AAC39.975(a)(26)). The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict, the Port Chatham Subdistrict, and the Windy Bay Subdistrict.

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).

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 26.

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,

