



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #16

OUTER DISTRICT: Effective at 10:00 PM on Friday, August 16 waters of the Port Dick and Port Chatham subdistricts will close and remain closed until further notice. The following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday sixteen hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days, the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict, the Windy Bay Subdistrict, waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. latitude, 150° 48.00' W. longitude, and waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict. Surveys of Port Dick and Port Chatham identified levels of pink and chum salmon below that required for escapement. Surveys of these areas is ongoing and may result in fishing opportunity if salmon escapement warrants this.

Regulatory closed waters (5AAC 21.350(f)(12)) in the East Nuka Subdistrict 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 also 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)).

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: 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 section, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA.

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).

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), remain open to commercial salmon harvest excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict. Fishing periods are 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in the Chenik lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. longitude. Chenik Subdistrict harvest is confidential due to fewer than three permit holders reporting deliveries. Video monitoring of salmon passage into Chenik Lake began on May 30. Through August 14, an estimated 5,689 sockeye salmon have been counted entering Chenik Lake. The sustainable escapement goal range for Chenik Lake is 2,900 – 13,700 with a mid-point of 8,300 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.



The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, August 23.

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,

