



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #5

General seine: Effective at 12:01 AM on Monday, June 13 the following areas in addition to those waters listed in 5AAC 21.350 are closed to commercial purse seine salmon fishing until further notice:

- 1.) waters at the head end of Tutka Bay southeast of a line from 59° 25.51' N. lat., 151° 19.01' W. long., to 59° 25.14' N. lat., 151° 19.51' W. long.,
- 2.) waters of South Nuka Bay east of a line from 59° 18.62' N. lat., 150° 42.86' W. long., to 59° 18.13' N. lat., 150° 43.11' W. long.,
- 3.) waters of James Lagoon west of a line from 59° 34.11' N. lat., 150° 23.04' W. long., to 59° 33.05' N. lat., 150° 24.74' W. long.,
- 4.) waters of Aialik Bay and lagoon north of a line from 59° 52.58' N. lat., 149° 44.62' W. long., to 59° 52.75' N. lat., 149° 44.12' W. long.,
- 5.) waters of Rocky Cove inshore of a line from 59° 26.98' N. lat., 153° 44.36' W. long., to 59° 26.37' N. lat., 153° 43.92' W. long.,
- 6.) waters of McNeil Lagoon and bay inshore of a line from 59° 7.52' N. lat., 154° 15.00' W. long., to 59° 07.40' N. lat., 154° 14.20' W. long.,
- 7.) waters of Iniskin Bay north of 59° 43.85' N. lat., and waters of Iniskin Bay east of 153° 22.60' W. long., and
- 8.) waters of Bruin Bay west of 154° 04.95' W. longitude.

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.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Effective Wednesday, June 22, at 6:00 AM, Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head will open to commercial common property purse seine harvest for a 16-hour fishing period. Following this, 16-hour fishing periods will occur beginning at 6:00 AM on Thursday, June 23, and Friday, June 24. Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) has announced that saltwater cost recovery harvest of sockeye salmon returning to Resurrection Bay has concluded. Total cost recovery harvest through June 16 (both weir and seine) is 58,741 fish. Cost recovery salmon harvest using purse seines is prohibited in Resurrection Bay effective at 11:59 PM on Sunday, June 19.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: 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 to date from this fishery is shown in Table 1.

Table 1.- Southern District set gillnet harvests by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

| period | | | Chinook | | | Sockeye | | | Chum | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | dates | 2022 deliveries | 5-yr average | 2021 harvest | 2022 harvest | 5-yr average | 2021 harvest | 2022 harvest | 5-yr average | 2021 harvest | 2022 harvest |
| 1.) | 6/2-6/4 | 7 | 24 | 12 | 22 | 533 | 202 | 815 | 12 | 20 | 29 |
| 2.) | 6/6-6/8 | 9 | 25 | 29 | 22 | 500 | 440 | 858 | 13 | 23 | 52 |
| 3.) | 6/9-6/11 | 8 | 28 | 18 | 26 | 576 | 828 | 888 | 25 | 60 | 131 |
| 4.) | 6/13-6/15 | 8 | 36 | 23 | 18 | 842 | 941 | 1,091 | 42 | 38 | 49 |
| period 1-4 sum | | | 112 | 82 | 88 | 2,451 | 2,411 | 3,652 | 92 | 141 | 261 |

Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open for 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until further notice,

- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict,
- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area,
- the Neptune Bay Section up to the fresh water of the Wosnesenski River using the definition of the fresh water located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26), and
- the China Poot Section including waters of the south arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 15.53' west longitude, and waters of the north arm of China Poot Bay west of 151° 14.65' west longitude (Figure 1). General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 5AAC 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in China Poot and Neptune Bay sections until further notice.

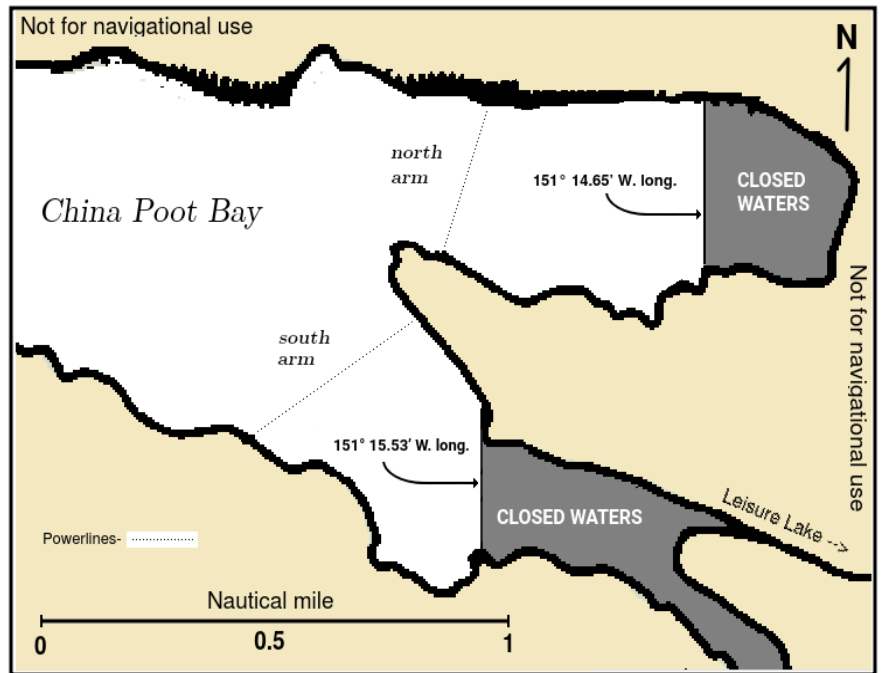


Figure 1.- China Poot Bay area showing “CLOSED WATERS” portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

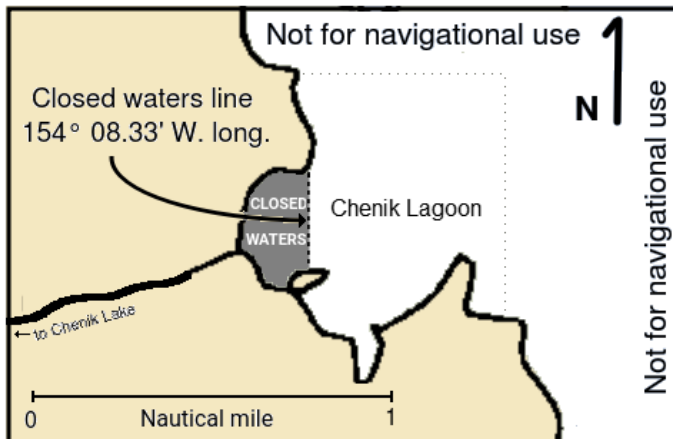


Figure 2.- Chenik Lagoon, west of 154° 08.33' W. longitude is closed.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.299(e), excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, and the Paint River Subdistrict remain open on a schedule of 7-days per week, 24-hours per day fishing periods. Waters of Chenik Lagoon east of 154° 08.33' W. long. (Figure 2) remain open to commercial salmon harvest. General closed waters restrictions (5AAC 39.290) and 21.350(h) and (i) are rescinded in Chenik Lagoon until further notice. The Kirschner Lake special harvest area is closed to commercial common property harvest until further notice.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 24.

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/2020_2022_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,

