



## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #9

**General seine:** The following areas in addition to those waters listed in 5AAC 21.350 remain 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.

**KAMISHAK DISTRICT:** The Chenik Subdistrict remains closed to commercial salmon harvest. Video was retrieved on July 6 and reviewed. A total of 79 sockeye salmon have been counted entering Chenik Lake towards a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) range of 2,900 – 13,700 fish. The Chenik Subdistrict may open to commercial salmon harvest on a 12-hour notice when SEG attainment can be anticipated. Other subdistricts of the Kamishak District, excluding the McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and Kirschner Lake special harvest area (SHA) remain open 7-days per week, 24-hours per day.

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Portions of the Outer District are anticipated to open on Monday, July 18 on a schedule of Monday – Friday, 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM fishing periods. The weir at Delight Lake was installed on July 5. Since then, a total of 77 fish have been counted towards an SEG range of 7,550 – 17,650 fish. Portions of McCarty Fjord may open to commercial salmon harvest on a 12-hour notice when Delight Lake can be anticipated to achieve its escapement goal. An aerial survey of Delight Lake on June 27 documented 540 sockeye salmon in the lake.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head is open to commercial common property purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday – Friday, 16-hour fishing periods beginning at 6:00 AM on those days. Commercial purse seine salmon fishing is permitted up to the freshwater of Bear Creek using the definition of fresh water located in 5AAC 39.975(a)(26). This fishery will close to commercial harvest at 10 PM on July 15.

**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 del.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.	5-yr avg	2021 harv.	2022 harv.
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
5.)	6/16-6/18	9	32	34	11	976	1,217	1,174	73	88	38
6.)	6/20-6/22	8	30	35	21	887	551	1,576	118	30	197
7.)	6/23-6/25	11	24	18	12	1,114	1,056	1,842	139	95	113
8.)	6/27-6/29	9	22	11	12	1,386	863	2,268	193	57	141
9.)	6/30-7/2	13	17	10	6	1,875	1,603	2,496	286	278	202
10.)	7/4-7/6	9	13	4	18	1,719	1,325	1,959	401	424	217
period 1-10 sum			250	194	168	10,407	9,026	14,967	1,302	1,113	1,169

**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.

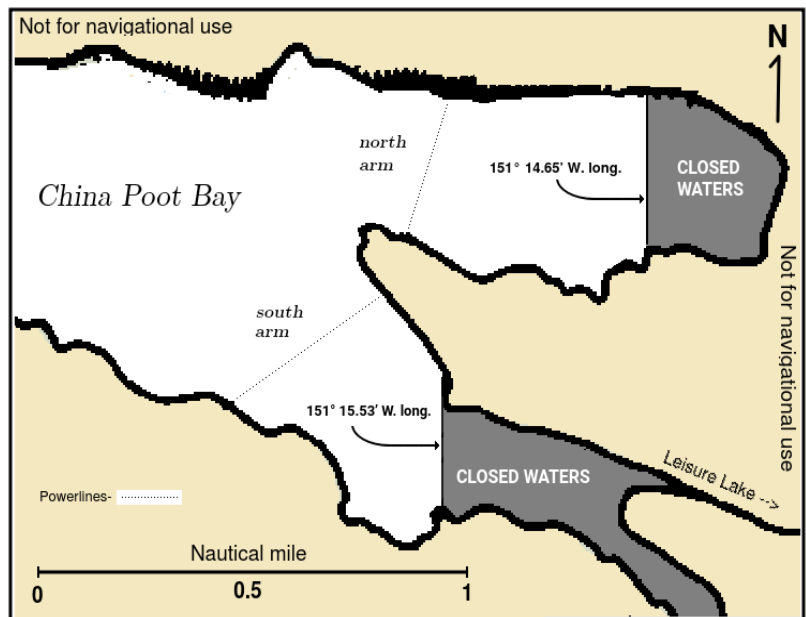


Figure 1.- China Poot Bay area showing “CLOSED WATERS” portions closed to commercial salmon harvest.

Through July 6, sockeye salmon harvest from the China Poot and Hazel Lake hatchery special harvest areas is estimated at 49,625 fish with approximately six commercial permit holders participating. These are English Bay Lake stock sockeye salmon released by CIAA with an average weight of 4.8 pounds each.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 15.**

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](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,

