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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.

Commercial set gillnet harvest to date is shown in Table 1 below. Additional harvest information is available online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

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

	Period		Chinook			Sockeye			Pink			Chum		
	Dates	2017 del.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.	5-yr avg.	2016 harv.	2017 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	10	43	118	17	1,112	367	1,295	0	0	0	35	6	19
2.)	6/5-6/7	7	30	60	9	1,101	297	764	0	0	0	33	14	8
3.)	6/8-6/10	7	39	37	13	1,425	410	504	0	0	0	82	64	12
4.)	6/12-6/14	12	47	91	45	1,088	598	1,438	1	0	0	199	95	48
5.)	6/15-6/17	10	38	68	40	946	553	1,560	0	0	0	128	57	134
6.)	6/19-6/21	10	35	33	25	1,655	1,108	976	21	10	10	213	84	105
7.)	6/22-6/24	10	37	64	40	1,289	943	1,311	12	10	151	233	103	160
8.)	6/26-6/28	9	31	28	22	1,502	1,044	2,094	75	91	442	274	104	170
9.)	6/29-7/1	10	27	30	13	1,312	1,046	2,537	355	291	704	351	134	463
10.)	7/3-7/5	14	19	23	21	1,725	881	3,030	448	784	1,585	345	111	837
cumulative			346	552	245	13,156	7,247	15,509	912	1,186	2,892	1,892	772	1,956

Last year sockeye salmon sampled from June 1 through July 9 from the set net fishery were 34.9% hatchery produced^a.

Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas are open to commercial purse seine harvest on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16 hour fishing periods from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery special harvest area (SHA),
- the China Poot Section of the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the China Poot SHA,
- the Neptune Bay Section of the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the Hazel Lake SHA,
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, and
- the Humpy Creek Subdistrict. up to the fresh water of Humpy Creek using the regulatory definition of “fresh water” assigned in 5AAC 39.975(26). This clearly states that, “fresh water of streams and rivers” means fresh water 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.

This schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday fishing periods will continue in these areas until further notice.

A total of 13,157 sockeye salmon have been harvested during the combined first and second week of this year’s commercial purse seine fishing season. Last year during this period a total of 10,034 sockeye salmon were harvested, 86.4% of the sockeye salmon sampled from those purse seine deliveries were hatchery produced^a.

^a 2016 LCI Annual Management Report, appendices F22, F24, and F25. ADF&G, Fishery Management Report, Anchorage.
Available for download: www.adfg.alaska.gov/FedAidPDFs/FMR17-26.pdf

OUTER DISTRICT: Beginning on Monday, July 10, the following areas will open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 16-hour fishing periods opening at 6:00 AM on those days,

- waters of the Dogfish Bay Subdistrict excluding the Dogfish Bay lagoon,
- waters of the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- waters of the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict in the Petrof area north and west of a point at 59° 20.00' N. lat., 150° 48.00' W. long.

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Chenik Lagoon remains open up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek. As of July 7 an estimated 62,000 sockeye salmon have been harvested from the Chenik Lagoon area. Chenik Lake was enhanced with hatchery incubated sockeye salmon for 13 years between 1978 and 1996. The average annual commercial common property sockeye salmon harvest from the Chenik Subdistrict has been 59,000 fish over the last ten years.

Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.200(e) are open 7-days per week, 24-hours per day. The McNeil River Subdistrict, the Paint River Subdistrict, and the Kirschner SHA remain closed until further notice.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Monday through Friday 16-hour commercial purse seine fishing periods in Resurrection Bay north of Caines Head occurring from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM are ongoing. This fishery is targeting hatchery sockeye salmon produced by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association that are returning to Bear Lake and net pen sites off of Spring Creek. Resurrection Bay is anticipated to close to commercial common property seine harvest on July 14 until further notice. No commercial common property harvests have been reported to date from this district.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 14.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.