



Advisory Announcement

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #4

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: In the Southern District, the following areas remain open on a schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 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.

The Northshore Subdistrict and all other areas of the Southern District remain closed to commercial purse seine salmon harvest. The map below shows the location where the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, the Northshore Subdistrict, and the China Poot and Neptune Bay sections converge, (5AAC 21.200(d)(6), (7), and (8)). Harvest is confidential due to fewer than three processors having bought fish.

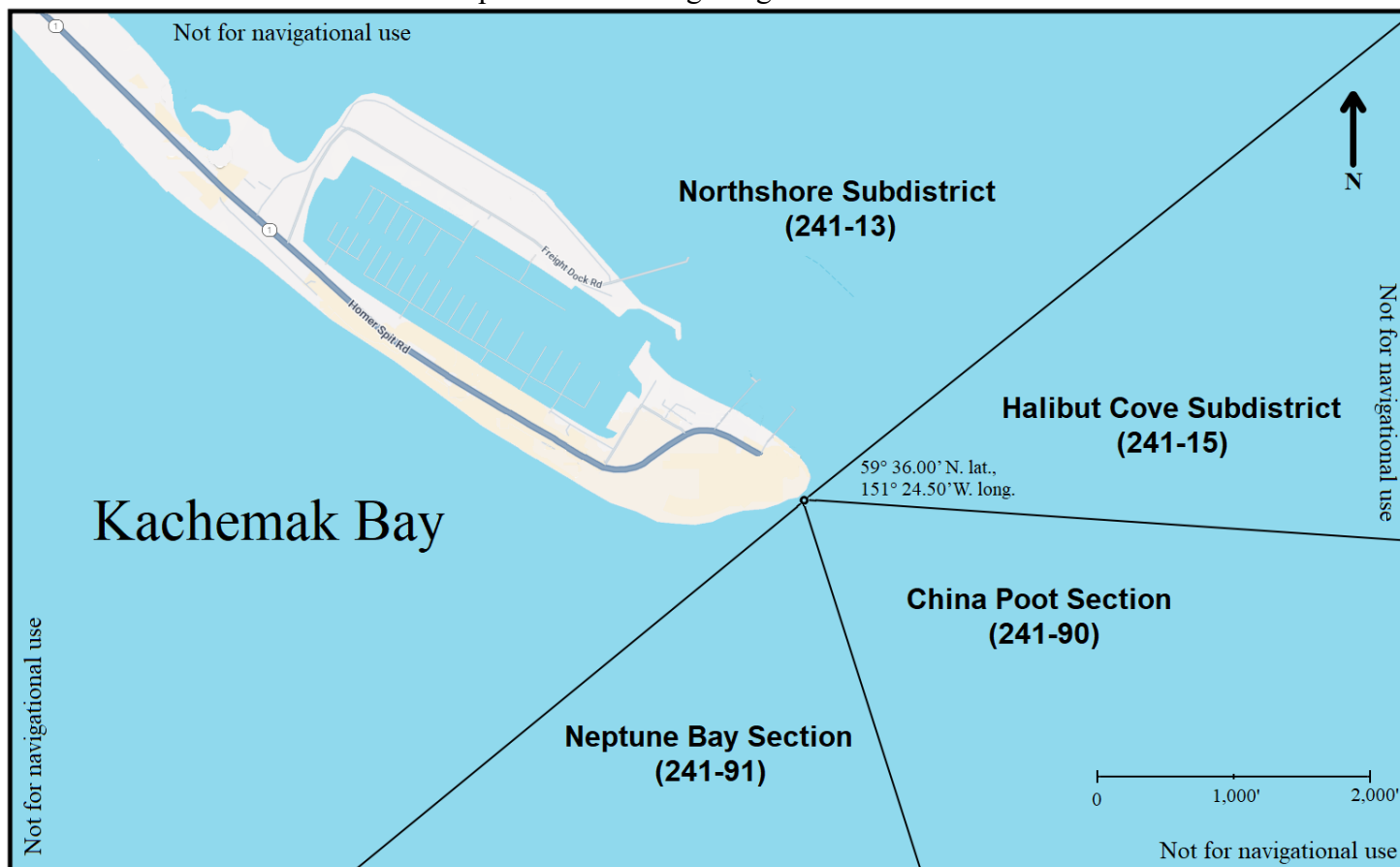


Figure 1.- Terminus of the Homer Spit showing general intersections of Halibut Cove and Northshore subdistricts, and Neptune Bay and China Poot sections of the China Poot Subdistrict as defined in 5AAC 21.200(d).

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 from set gillnet fishing periods to date is shown below,

Table 1.- Southern District 2026 set gillnet harvests (n-fish) by fishing period: current year, last year and previous 5-year average.

period			Chinook			Sockeye			Coho			Pink			Chum		
	dates	2026 del.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.	5-yr avg	2025 harv.	2026 harv.
1.)	6/1-6/3	5	12	4	9	403	210	390	0	0		6	6		53	203	5
2.)	6/4-6/6	5	16	4	15	458	204	455	0	0		0	0		22	16	1
3.)	6/8-6/10	7	19	16	8	663	333	578	0	0		0	0		54	52	4
4.)	6/11-6/13	5	14	12	12	734	446	576	0	0		2	2		48	110	7
5.)	6/15-6/17	7	22	22	13	903	373	1,452	1	0		1	0		48	51	44
period 1-5 sum			83	58	57	3,160	1,566	3,451	1	0	0	9	8	0	225	432	61

KAMISHAK DISTRICT: Subdistricts of the Kamishak District as defined in 5AAC 21.200(e), remain closed to commercial common property salmon harvest. Waters of the Chenik Subdistrict may open to salmon purse seine harvest in late June. Sockeye salmon escapement monitoring into Chenik Lake is anticipated to begin in the coming weeks using satellite relayed video.

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, (5AAC 39.975(a)(26)).

Hatchery: A total of 84,000 sockeye salmon are anticipated to return to Resurrection Bay release sites in 2026. Hatchery cost recovery began on May 21. The Bear Creek weir has passed 4,330 sockeye salmon through 6/16. This is below the 8,722 fish anticipated for this date to achieve a final escapement of 12,000 fish that are required to meet broodstock needs and provide for wild stock escapement.

The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 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, area maps, 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,

