



## Advisory Announcement

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #1

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Set gillnet:** Effective Monday, June 1 specific waters of the Southern District identified in 5AAC 21.330(b)(1) including the Port Graham Subdistrict, will 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).

Commercial set gillnet fishermen in Lower Cook Inlet that have dual, (aka “stacked”) Area H Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) permits are reminded that the serial numbers for both permits are required to be documented on each fish ticket submitted regardless of the quantity of gear used. An example of this is shown in Figure 1 on page two of this announcement.

**Purse seine:** Portions of the Southern District are anticipated to open to commercial seine harvest on Monday, June 8.

**EASTERN DISTRICT:** Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA) projects 84,000 hatchery released sockeye salmon will return to Resurrection Bay in 2026. Sixty-five thousand of these fish will be targeted for cost recovery harvest and 12,000 are needed for escapement and broodstock. Approximately 7,000 fish are anticipated to be surplus to these needs and may be available for common property harvest. Cost recovery operations will be voluntarily suspended within 100 feet of the water’s edge in the Spring Creek area from the Seward Ships Drydock, north to the area of the sawdust pile from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 7 days per week. The department anticipates fishing opportunity to occur in the Aialik Subdistrict by early July.

**KAMISHAK DISTRICT:** Portions of the Kamishak District are anticipated to open to commercial harvest in July based on aerial survey documentation of pink and chum salmon in index streams in those areas. The Chenik Subdistrict is anticipated to open to commercial harvest in late June or early July targeting returns to Chenik Lake.

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Western portions of the Outer District may open in mid July based on aerial survey observations. The Delight Lake weir will not be operated in 2026 due to budgetary shortfalls. Escapement to Delight Lake will be monitored using aerial surveys. The 2026 anticipated Outer District pink salmon harvest is 134,500 fish. Commercial pink salmon harvest from this district in 2024 was 7,091, in 2022 was 324,836 fish, and in 2020 was 1.6 million fish.

Permit #1  
Serial number

FISH & GAME  
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME  
GENERAL SALMON TICKET

Vessel Name: Setnet skiff #4  
Fisherman: JOHN KOHEN  
Permit Number: 504H 68758N

ADFG Amended Ticket: 20000039  
Initial or Sign: A13 183732

ADFG NO. [ ]  
Tender ADF&G No. [ ]  
Date Caught: 6/10/21

Proc. Code: C.R.P.A  
Company: FB722 120

Date Landed: 061121

Statistical Area: Stat. Area 241-18, % 100

Permit No. 504H61909F

Area Caught: Open Bays (Nearest bay or headland)

SPECIES	CODE	DELIV. CODE	NO. OF FISH	POUNDS	PRICE	AMOUNT
Kings	410	01	1	5.70		
Reds	420	01	18	103.65		
Cohos	430					
Pinks	440					
Chums	450	01	4	29.40		

Salmon - Deliv. Code is required. See Ticket Book Cover for instructions.

Subtotal: [ ]  
Less Salmon Enhancement Tax @ [ ]  
TOTAL: 23 138.75

NOT SOLD/PERSONAL USE - 95		NOT SOLD/PERSONAL USE - 95		PARTIAL DELIVERY
SPECIES	NUMBER	SPECIES	NUMBER	Ticket No.
				Processor

Cash Advance [ ] Fish Received by: Suzanne B. Smith  
Permit Holder's Signature: John Kohen

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THESE FISH WERE CAUGHT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADF&G REGULATIONS.

Permit #2  
Serial number

Figure 1.- Example fish ticket for dual, (aka “stacked”) Lower Cook Inlet commercial set gillnet permit holders showing serial numbers from both Area H commercial CFEC set gillnet permits documented.

**The next scheduled commercial salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, June 5.**

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](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,

