



Fish News

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Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 14



According to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), commercial salmon fishing will be allowed in the South Central Districts and the Shumagin Islands portion of the Southeastern District for 24 hours from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Commercial salmon fishing will also be allowed in the Beaver Bay, Balboa Bay, Southwest Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, and East Stepovak sections of the Southeastern District for approximately 36 hours from noon Tuesday, July 17 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

In addition, the Northwest Stepovak section will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours from noon Tuesday, July 17 until noon Thursday, July 19, 2012. The closed waters of Orzinski Bay will be extended to the 1,000 yard markers.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

Statistical charts and harvest strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller Fish and Game offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial

harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2334 (383-ADFG).

Port Moller Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 15

Port Moller Bight, Bear River, Three Hills, Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden Sections

As previously announced, the commercial salmon fishing season will be closed in the Port Moller Bight, Bear River, Three Hills, Ilnik and Outer Port Heiden sections from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 16 until further notice.

Statistical charts and harvest strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller Fish and Game offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 daily at 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Port Moller at 375-2716.

Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery Announcement #2

The commercial herring fishing season in the Unalaska and Akutan districts will remain open for 48 hours from noon Monday, July 16 until noon Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Fishermen are reminded of the following closed waters: Waters of Unalaska Bay between Unalaska and Amaknak Islands, including Margret's Bay, west of a line from the "Bishop's House" at 53°52.64' N. lat., 166°32.30' W. long. to a point on Amaknak Island at 53°52.82' N. lat., 166°32.13" W. long. and north of a line from a point south of Agnes Beach at 53°52.28' N. lat., 166°32.68' W. long., to a point at 53°52.35' N. lat., 166°32.95" W. long. on Amaknak Island.

Each permit holder registered for the fishery is required to report fishing activities and harvest to the department by noon July 18, 2012 regardless of whether or not they fished or harvested any herring. The reports should be made to ADF&G in Dutch Harbor on VHF Channel 9 or by phone at (907) 581-1239.

Commercial fishing periods will be opened and closed by emergency order based upon anticipated fishing effort, harvest rates from previous openings, processing capacity, and the abundance of herring. The department will notify the fleet of subsequent fishing periods after catch reports are received and the amount of herring harvested during the prior period has been determined.

The 2012 Dutch harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation is 1,300 tons for purse seine and 227 tons for gillnet. For further information please contact ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

Cold Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement #4

The **Urilia Bay Section** of the Northwestern District will open to commercial salmon fishing for **60 hours** from **6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18** until **6:00 p.m. Friday, July 20**.

CLOSED WATERS: Waters within 500 yards of the Christianson's Lagoon exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline are closed to commercial salmon fishing.

As previously announced the **Swanson Lagoon Section** of the Northwestern District will be closed to commercial salmon fishing until further notice.

All closed waters in the above locations will be as described in the regulation book or as adjusted by emergency order.

Statistical charts and harvest strategies are available at the Sand Point, Cold Bay, and Port Moller Fish and Game offices. Commercial salmon fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareaakpeninsula.salmon>.

Salmon fishery announcements will be broadcast on VHF channels 6 and 73 daily at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and may also be obtained from ADF&G in Cold Bay at 532-2419.

Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 15

The **Chignik Bay and Central districts** as well as the **Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District (273-93)** will open to commercial salmon fishing from **3:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, July 17 until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Humes Point.

Closed Waters Adjustment:

Effective **4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17** the Chignik Lagoon markers will move to Mensis Point.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon>.

Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.

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