



Fish News

July 19, 2012

Sand Point Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 15



The current commercial salmon fishing period in the waters of Orzinski Bay, northwest of a line from Elephant Point to Waterfall Point, will close at 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012.

Commercial salmon fishing will 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 Friday, July 20 through 11:59 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012.

Commercial salmon fishing will also be allowed in the South Central District and the Shumagin Islands portion of the Southeastern District for 24 hours from 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 20 until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012.

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>.

Area M Salmon Harvest Summary
COMMERCIAL SALMON HARVEST SUMMARY
(INSEASON HARVEST ESTIMATES)

Species	Daily Harvest	Total Through July 18, 2012
Chinook	64	8,915
Sockeye	44,087	2,451,773
Coho	11,069	27,664
Pink	13,678	313,647
Chum	19,374	520,285
TOTAL	88,272	3,322,284

Narrative:
 Catch estimates are based on inseason processor reports, and will be updated as additional information and fishtickets become available.

Estimated Salmon Catch to Date, by Geographic Area
July 18, 2012

South Peninsula	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
Post June McGinty Point to Moss Cape	9	25,405	561	3,086	3,278
Post June Belkofski Bay to Cold Bay	0	1,922	6	84	174
Post June Thin Point Section	0	0	0	0	0
Post June Morzhovoi Bay to South Unimak	57	29,750	18,556	9,844	38,754
Post June Shumagin Islands	160	64,358	7,979	32,951	43,354
Southeastern District Mainland	59	109,810	361	5,972	8,186
Northwest Stepovak Section (7/1-7/25)	5	59,790	167	1,633	2,001
June Shumagin Islands	1,943	637,803	2	89,476	183,692
June South Unimak	5,651	890,948	10	170,417	206,097
June South Unimak & Shumagin Islands	7,594	1,528,751	12	259,893	389,789
Total South Peninsula	7,884	1,819,786	27,642	313,463	485,536
North Peninsula					
Northwestern District	1	9,100	7	68	16,187
Black Hills	26	12,309	1	7	3,139
Nelson Lagoon	278	78,734	1	6	186
Moller and Herendeen Bays	0	0	0	0	0
Port Moller to Outer Port Heiden	726	531,844	13	103	15,237
Inner Port Heiden	0	0	0	0	0
Cinder River	0	0	0	0	0
Total North Peninsula	1,031	631,987	22	184	34,749
Total Aleutian Islands	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL AREA M	8,915	2,451,773	27,664	313,647	520,285

* Confidential information

Visit this link for more info: [Area M Salmon Harvest Summary](#)

Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab Fishery Opens August 15th - Total Allowable Catch Announced

The 2012/13 Aleutian Islands (Area O) commercial golden king crab fishery will open at noon on August 15, 2012 and close at 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2013 for Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ), Community Development Quota (CDQ) and Adak Community Allocation (ACA) fisheries. The Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery is managed east and west of 174° W longitude with separate total allowable catch (TAC) level for each area.

The TAC east of 174° W longitude is 3.31 million pounds and is apportioned to IFQ 2,979,000 pounds, and CDQ 331,000 pounds.

The TAC west of 174° W longitude is 2.98 million pounds and is apportioned to IFQ 2,682,000 pounds, and ACA 298,000 pounds.



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Proof of a valid United States Coast Guard (USCG) Commercial Fisheries Safety Decal and an activated vessel monitoring system (VMS) approved by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are required by regulation before a vessel registration may be issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The operator of a vessel participating in an IFQ, CDQ or ACA crab fishery must notify the USCG at least 24-hours prior to

departing port when carrying crab pot gear. USCG can be contacted at the following numbers:

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, (907) 581-3466, and Kodiak, (907) 486-5918.

Vessel registration will begin at noon in Dutch Harbor on Sunday, August 12, 2012. An individual holding a 2012 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) Aleutian

Islands king crab interim use permit card (K91O or K09O) must be aboard the vessel when it is registered and during all fishing operations.

Fishermen may concurrently harvest IFQ and CDQ in the eastern Aleutian Islands (east of 174 degrees W longitude) or IFQ and CDQ in the eastern Aleutian Islands (west of 174 degrees W longitude), but may not concurrently be registered for both the eastern and western fisheries. A separate CFEC permit card and registration is required for IFQ, CDQ and ACA fisheries. At the time of vessel registration, all pots onboard the vessel or in wet storage must be in compliance with current Aleutian Islands commercial golden king crab fishing regulations. Catcher-only vessels are required to carry an observer for 50 percent by weight of harvested golden king crab on each vessel during each of three trimesters (August 15 to November 15, November 16 to February 15, and February 15 to May 15). Catcher-processor vessels are required to carry an observer for 100 percent of all fishing activity. Observer coverage on all vessels in this fishery is pay-as-you-go.

A vessel operator shall notify ADF&G within 72 hours of completing fishing operations in a registration area or when departing the registration area and gear is moved to long-term storage. The Alaska Board of Fisheries established a 14-day period when unbaited gear may be stored outside of designated storage areas after fishing is completed. Pots may be removed from the water or placed in long-term storage if left unattended in a registration area for more than a 14-day period. Registration will be invalidated after 14 days of inactivity in a registration area.

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