

City Dock

Important Tips

- Cook Inlet water is cold and tidally influenced. Wear a life jacket (PFD), extra clothing, and keep close watch of children.
- Extreme caution must be exercised when traveling the beach. Sand is very soft and high tides can be unforgiving. Four-wheel drive trucks or all-terrain vehicles are required for beach travel. Always check the tide table before venturing out onto the beach. Always use approved beach access points.
- Familiarize yourself with fishing, motor, and boat regulations affecting the Kenai River Special Management Area and the dipnet fishery.
- Secure and protect valuables.
- Review State of Alaska fishing regulations. Fishing permits may be obtained at most local vendors that sell sport fishing licenses.

Obtain a Fishing Permit!

Please familiarize yourself with permit regulations, which may be found in the fishing regulation booklet published by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Sport Fisheries and at www.adfg.alaska.gov.

Brief History

In March 1996, the Board of Fisheries amended the Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan to establish a personal use fishery season for Alaska residents. The dipnet season is currently July 10 through July 31 and requires a personal use fishery permit.

Contact Numbers

Kenai Police Department..... 283-7879
Kenai Fire Department..... 283-7666
Kenai Parks & Recreation..... 283-3692
Kenai City Public Works 283-8236
AK Wildlife Troopers (AWT)..... 262-4573
AK Dept. of Fish & Game..... 262-9368
In-Season Sonar Estimates..... 262-9097
In-Season Sport Fishing Report..... 262-2737
Kenai Chamber & Visitors Center..... 283-1991



DipnetKenai App

Download the DipnetKenai App to get access to live information including:

- Facility information
- Tide tables and fish counts
- Maps and driving directions
- Live webcams
- Fee information
- Restaurant Information

<https://www.kenai.city/dipnetkenai>



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Management Fees

Management fees for camping and parking are used to offset costs associated with maintaining the beach and providing trash removal, restrooms, and enforcement of City of Kenai Municipal Code. Hang receipt on the rearview mirror inside your vehicle.

Boat Launch & Parking	Midnight to Midnight	\$35
Day Use Parking	Midnight to Midnight	\$20
Drop Off	Midnight to Midnight	\$10

Refunds will not be issued for any reason.

For your safety and the safety of others, the Kenai Police Department monitors all fee stations and is in constant contact with attendants. Parking rules, camping rules, and City of Kenai Municipal Code will be enforced. With the exception of the City Dock, all fee collection stations will be open 24-hours a day during the dipnet fishery. Long lines can be expected at times. Please remain patient, pay attention to signs, and follow instructions.

Boat Ramp

No cleaning fish or cutting tails on any float or on land at the City Dock. During commercial fish openings, commercial vessels will temporarily have the right-of-way at the boat ramp. When the tide is low, launching is not possible and the line for launching comes to a halt until the tide rises.

Boat Launching

Pay attendant or fill out pay envelope (located at top of ramp) and deposit fee into collection box while waiting in line. Display receipt on vehicle mirror. During peak fishing periods, vehicular traffic may become backed up and wait time can exceed four hours or more.

Load gear into your vessel before you reach the ramp so that you can get in and out as quickly as possible. Do not block ramp or leave boat unattended on the launch ramp floats at any time. Unattended boats will be impounded.

Boat Retrieval

A companion can be dropped off at the ramp floats to get a trailer. Do not tie up at the concrete dock floats since these floats are for business use only. Do not cut in line when retrieving your boat – go to the back of the line.

Vehicle Parking

Park only in designated spots. Once the parking lot becomes full, boats only will only be allowed to launch when a space opens up. Accessible parking is available.

Facilities

Camping

No overnight camping is available at City Dock.

Restrooms and Dumpsters

Restrooms and dumpsters are limited but are serviced daily. Use the restrooms provided and practice “pack-it-in, pack-it-out” standards as much as possible.

Restrooms and dumpsters are only for active users of the boat launch at City Dock.



No Wake Zone

The City of Kenai implements a No Wake Zone for the areas immediately surrounding the Kenai City Dock and the southeastern area of the Kenai River between river miles 3 and 5. These areas have been clearly marked with red buoys. In addition, orange and white “Slow No Wake” buoys have been placed within these areas to further identify them. The No Wake Zone is in effect 24-hours a day without exception.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

The City of Kenai, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Division of Sport Fisheries, Alaska Department of Public Safety Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Kenai Watershed Forum, Kenai River Sportfishing Association, and Kenai Peninsula Borough work cooperatively to address social and environmental impacts from the significant increase in participation in the Kenai River Personal Use Dipnet Fishery. Fishery participants can help by staying off private property and sensitive dune vegetation, properly disposing of trash and fish waste, and following safety tips and guidelines.

