UPPER COOK INLET SUBSISTENCE FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-02-19

Upper Cook Inlet Subsistence Fishing Announcement No. 1 closes subsistence salmon fishing in the Tyonek Subdistrict of Upper Cook Inlet from 4:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from May 15 through June 15, 2019. The subsistence fishery will remain open in the Tyonek Subdistrict from 4:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays from May 15 through June 15, 2019, unless modified by subsequent emergency order. In addition, the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery will also remain open from June 16 through October 15, 2019, from 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, unless modified by subsequent emergency order.

All sport and commercial king salmon fishing in Northern Cook Inlet (NCI) is being closed for the 2019 season. This broad closure is in response to a recent pattern of extremely poor returns for all stocks in the NCI area and a Deshka River king salmon forecast that is well below the escapement goal. Furthermore, the Upper Yentna River king salmon subsistence fishery has been restricted to Wednesdays and Fridays from June 1 to June 30 for the 2019 season. The objective of these restrictive actions is to achieve all Susitna River king salmon escapement goals by eliminating sport, commercial, and subsistence harvest of these stocks.

Therefore, in order to reduce the harvest of king salmon destined to streams throughout the Northern Cook Inlet watershed, including the Susitna River, a reduction in the harvest of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery is warranted.

Based on inseason information, fishing opportunity may be restored where and when possible while ensuring escapement goals are achieved.