UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 35
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-35-19

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 35 closes commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., in that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District east of the Susitna River, including Fire Island, on Thursday, August 22, 2019 (see Figure 1).

On August 19, the Division of Sport Fish released two Emergency Orders (2-SS-2-49-19 and 2-SS-2-50-19) prohibiting sport fishing for coho salmon in the Deshka and Little Susitna rivers effective 12:01 a.m., August 21. The Little Susitna River coho salmon SEG is 10,100–17,700 fish. Current weir counts are well below average, with only 3,844 coho salmon having passed upstream of the weir through August 20. The Deshka River coho salmon SEG is 10,200–24,100 fish. Current weir counts are well below average, with only 3,188 coho salmon having passed upstream of the weir through August 20. The commercial fishing area closure in this announcement is intended to reduce harvest potential for coho salmon returning to the Deshka and Little Susitna rivers.
Figure 1. Map of the area closure for the August 22, 2019 commercial set net fishing period in The Northern District of UCI.