UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 37
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-37-19

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 37 closes commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District east of the Susitna River, including Fire Island, from 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2019 until further notice (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 3,914 coho salmon having passed upstream of the weir through August 27. The Deshka River coho salmon SEG is 10,200–24,100 fish. Current weir counts are well below average, with only 4,032 coho salmon having passed upstream of the weir through August 27. 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.
Area closed until further notice

Figure 1. Map of the area closure in that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District east of the Susitna River, including Fire Island for commercial set net fishing in The Northern District of UCI.