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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT EMERGENCY ORDER 2M-01-20

This Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement closes the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery for the 2020 season at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020.

5 AAC 21.505 Cook Inlet Smelt Fishery Management Plan states that smelt may be taken only under the provisions of a commissioner's permit and no more than 200 tons of smelt may be harvested annually. It is estimated that the total harvest from the 2020 commercial smelt fishery will have reached the 200-ton limit by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020. Therefore, in compliance with the smelt fishery management plan, the commercial smelt fishery will close for the 2020 season.