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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-03-20

Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishing Announcement No. 1 reduces the hours the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River is open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, from Monday, June 15, 2020 through Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

The department manages the Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700–1,400 naturally-produced king salmon, measured at the Crooked Creek Hatchery weir.

On June 9, 2020, the Division of Sport Fish issued Emergency Order (EO 2-KS-1-18-20) restricting the sport fishery harvest of early-run Kasilof River king salmon to hatchery fish only using a single hook with no bait. Additionally, the early-run king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai River drainage downstream of the outlet of Skilak Lake was closed effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2020 by EO (EO 2-KS-1-17-20).

Therefore, to reduce the harvest of king salmon in the personal use gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, the number of hours this fishery is open each day is being reduced from 17 hours per day to 12 hours per day, or from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

The Kasilof River personal use dip net fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020, and is open 24 hours per day.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 11, and 12, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>