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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 16 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-16-20

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 16 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in that portion of the Western Subdistrict of the Central District south of the latitude of Redoubt Point from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Mondays; from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays each week until further notice, effective beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Sockeye salmon harvest rates in the set gillnet fishery from the beaches near the Crescent River area are consistent with historic harvest rates when this fishery has been provided additional fishing time due to increased sockeye salmon passage into the Crescent River. Commercial fishing periods will occur three times a week, which allows for reasonable fishing opportunity and provides adequate sockeye salmon passage in the Crescent River.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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/