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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 32 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-32-20

Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 32 opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets only in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict and the Anchor Point Section of the Lower Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear remains closed within one mile of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline south of the Kenai River.

This fishing period is being provided to harvest excess Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon, where the Kenai River has exceeded the inriver goal (1.0–1.2 million) and the Kasilof River Biological Escapement Goal (140,000–320,000) and the optimal escapement goal of 140,000 to 370,000 have also been exceeded.

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/>