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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 36 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-36-20

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 36 closes commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Northern District, and in the Western, Kalgin Island, Kustatan, and Chinitna Bay subdistricts of Upper Cook Inlet for the remainder of the 2020 season, effective at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2020.

Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be closed in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet for the remainder of the 2020 season, effective at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2020.

Regulations 5AAC 21.310 Fishing Seasons; 5 AAC 21.320 Weekly Fishing Periods; and 5 AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* all state that salmon may be taken in the areas mentioned above from a specific starting date until closed by emergency order. This emergency order closes commercial salmon fishing for the 2020 season in the aforementioned areas in compliance with these regulations.

Commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District closes each year by regulation (5 AAC 21.310 (b)(2)(C)(i) and (ii)) no later than August 15, unless closed earlier by emergency order.

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/>