



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 3**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-06-24**

Commercial fishing with dip nets will be allowed in the North Kalifornsky Beach and the Kasilof section (statistical areas 244-32, 244-21, 244-22, and 244-31; Figure 1) from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

The cumulative sockeye salmon sonar passage estimate in the Kasilof River has exceeded 30,000 fish as of July 18, 2024. This fishing period is consistent with opportunity provided by the recently adopted *Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan* that allows commercial dip net fishing based upon sockeye salmon abundance. Permit holders will need to register their permits to fish in the Upper Subdistrict at the local ADF&G office prior to fishing.

**5 AAC 21.382. *Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan* stipulates:**

(5) From June 20 through July 31;

(A) allow for the use of dip nets as an alternative gear type for holders of a S04H commercial set gillnet CFEC permit;

(B) openings may occur outside of specified openings in this section based on abundance of sockeye salmon, as announced by emergency order, for not more than three 12-hour periods per week;

(C) a S04H commercial set gillnet CFEC permit holder may operate not more than four dip nets at a time, each dip net must be operated by either the permit holder or an ADFG licensed crewmember;

**(D) retention of king and coho salmon is prohibited**

(E) fishing with a dip net may occur from a vessel or from shore; fishing from shore must occur at the location of a shore fishery tract identified in the recorded plat for that AS 38.05.082 lease; nothing in this subsection affects or changes the terms or conditions of an AS 38.05.082 lease and its lessee.

(h) The Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) is closed to commercial fishing.

In 5 AAC 39.105 of the Alaska Administrative Code, a dipnet is defined as:

1. a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame;

2. the maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed five feet;
3. the depth of the bag must be at least one-half of the greatest straight-line distance, as measured through the net opening;
4. no portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4.5 inches;
5. the frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand.

As a Reminder:

By state regulation, commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will be open District Wide in State of Alaska waters of the Central District, except for the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024. Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

General Information for all UCI commercial fisheries and specifics about harvest levels, required permits, reporting requirements, or the registration processes, can be obtained by calling the Soldotna ADF&G staff at 907-262-9368, and also by viewing the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site.

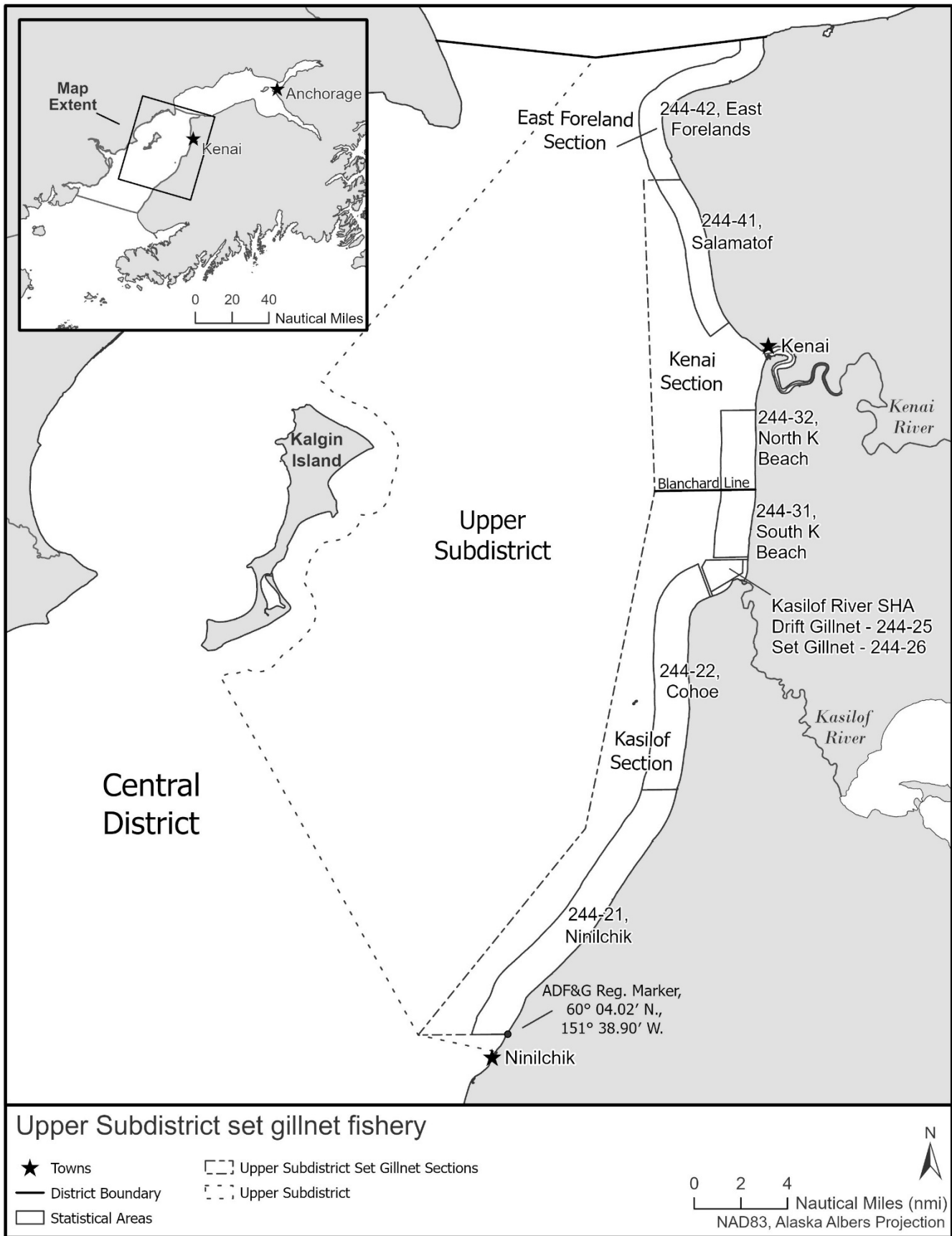
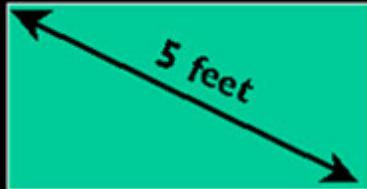


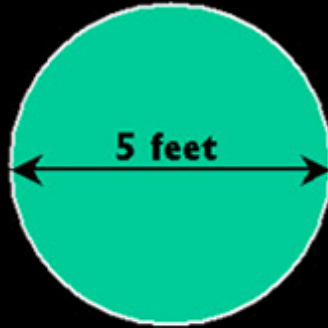
Figure 1. Map of Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and dipnet sections and statistical areas.

# Legal dipnet size

A dipnet must not be larger than five (5) feet at its **WIDEST** point.



Measure square or rectangular nets on the diagonal.



Measure circular or oval nets straight across their widest point.



The depth of the bag must be at **LEAST** half the widest measurement of the opening.

A net with a 5 foot hoop must have a bag at least 2½ feet deep.

The bag can be deeper, but not shallower.

Figure 2. Diagram of legal dipnet size.