



Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 4 **EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-07-24**

Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, in the Expanded Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict only. Additionally, drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline.

Through June 19, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 52,890 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 970,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon returning to the Kasilof River.

Fishermen and processors are reminded of the legal requirement to report all commercially harvested salmon on a fish ticket, whether sold or kept for personal use, using the correct statistical fishing area or areas (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)).

Fish harvested in the drift gillnet fishery during the Expanded Kasilof Section only fishing period should be reported in statistical areas 244-62.

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 Monday, June 24, 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.