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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 9 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-12-24

Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open in the Expanded Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict only from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline in compliance with the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan (5 AAC 21.382)*.

Through June 26, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 131,250 fish and the current average run timing projection of escapement is approximately 836,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 fish. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to harvest 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 (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.

Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

General Information for <u>all</u> 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 found at the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main