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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 47 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-50-24

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 47 reduces legal set gillnet gear in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet during the regulatory fishing period from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024. In the General Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be restricted to no more than one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length. In the Eastern Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be restricted to no more than two set gillnets per permit, with each set gillnet measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length with the aggregate net length not to exceed 70 fathoms.

The Northern District Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.358) provides the department with the option of reducing gear in the Northern District set gillnet fishery from July 20 through August 6 to conservatively manage commercial harvest of Susitna River sockeye salmon stocks. If the department determines that Susitna River sockeye salmon stocks are achieving adequate abundances, the gear restrictions may be relaxed by subsequent emergency order.

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