UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 24
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-24-19

Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 24 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Foreland sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

This announcement also opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict and in the Anchor Point Section of the Lower Subdistrict from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Drift gillnetters are reminded that fishing for salmon is closed within one mile of the mean high tide north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of the mean high tide mark south of the Kenai River when the setnets are closed in that area. Furthermore, drift fishing is closed within one and one-half miles of the mean high tide mark in the Anchor Point Section when it is open to fishing.

Both Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon cumulative passage estimates project exceeding the inriver goal (1.0–1.3 million) in the Kenai River and the Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) in the Kasilof River (160,000–340,000) for early, on-time, or late run timing entry. Through midnight of August 1, an estimated 1,162,000 sockeye salmon have passed by the Kenai River sonar site, while in the Kasilof River, approximately 326,500 sockeye salmon have been counted.

Fishing in the above describe waters is warranted to harvest sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.