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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-02-21

Effective Thursday, June 17, 2021, Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishing Announcement No. 1 reduces the hours the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River is open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, from Thursday, June 17, 2021, through Thursday, June 24, 2021.

The Department manages the Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700–1,400 naturally-produced king salmon, measured at the Crooked Creek Hatchery weir.

To reduce the harvest of wild Kasilof River king salmon, the Department issued an Emergency Order on June 15, 2021 (# 2-KS-1-20-21) restricting the sport fishery harvest of early-run Kasilof River king salmon to hatchery fish only using a single hook, with bait allowed.

Therefore, to reduce the potential harvest of king salmon in the personal use gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, the number of hours this fishery is open each day is being reduced from 17 hours per day to 14 hours per day, or from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021.

The Kasilof River personal use dip net fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021, and is open 24 hours per day.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.