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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 27 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-27-21

Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 27 opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections of the Central District from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

As a reminder no Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishing periods will be opened unless the Kenai River late run king salmon abundance improves.

As of July 25, Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement is approximately 345,702 fish and 74% complete based on average run timing. The biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon of 140,000 to 320,000 has been exceeded, and the current count projects a final escapement of 452,000 fish. In the Kenai River, average sockeye salmon passage into the Kenai River is 48% complete through July 25, projecting an in river run of 1.1 to 1.4 million sockeye salmon based on average to 3 day late run timings.

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/>.