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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 36
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Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 36 restricts commercial fishing with drift gillnets to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2022.

5AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* states that from August 1 through August 15, regular fishing periods will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 if the department determines that less than one percent of the season's total drift gillnet sockeye salmon harvest has been taken per fishing period for two consecutive fishing periods in the drift gillnet fishery. Based on preliminary harvest reports, the sockeye salmon harvest in the drift gillnet fishery on August 8th and August 11th were both less than one-percent of the season's total sockeye salmon catch. Therefore, drift gillnet fishing will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 on August 15, 2022, in compliance with the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

The *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* also stipulates that from August 16 until closed by emergency order, Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 are open for fishing during regular fishing periods. Regulatory drift gillnet fishing periods restricted to only Drift Gillnet Area 3 and 4 of the Central District, will continue on Mondays and Thursdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the remainder of the UCI salmon fishing season, until closed or changed by emergency order.