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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-02-23

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 2 closes commercial salmon fishing in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet from 7:00 a.m. Monday, May 29, 2023, until 7:00 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2023.

Emergency Order 2-KS-2-05-23 released on Thursday, March 2, 2023, closed king salmon directed sport fisheries in the Deshka River. The king salmon sport fishing closures are effective 6:00 a.m., Monday, May 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2023.

The *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan* states that when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is closed, the commercial king salmon set gillnet fishery shall be closed by emergency order. The above announcement follows these regulations.

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for king salmon in the Deshka River is 9,000 to 18,000 fish, as measured at the weir located at river mile seven. The Deshka River preseason forecast of total run is for approximately 7,200 king salmon. If inseason assessment indicates the escapement goal can be achieved, fisheries may then be opened.