



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 12
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 12 opens commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets on Wednesday July 5, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. district wide in the Central District excluding the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict.

As a reminder, drift gillnet fishing activity must remain at least one and one-half miles from the Kenai Peninsula shoreline south of the Kenai River and at least one mile from the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai River during additional and regularly scheduled commercial fishing periods.

Through July 3, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 147,030 fish and the current projection of escapement is approximately 590,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon, while minimizing the harvest of Chinook salmon.

Fishermen and processors are reminded of the legal requirement to report all commercially harvested salmon on a fish ticket, whether sold or kept for personal use, using the correct statistical fishing area or areas (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)).

Fish harvested in the drift gillnet fishery during district wide commercial fishing periods should be reported in statistical area 244-60.