



**Advisory Announcement**  
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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 15**  
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 15 opens commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets on Wednesday July 12, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Expanded Kasilof Section of the Central District only.

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 during additional and regulatory scheduled commercial fishing periods.

Through July 10, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 220,365 fish and the current projection of escapement is approximately 605,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye 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 (home pack), using the correct statistical fishing area or areas.

Fish harvested in the drift gillnet fishery during this commercial fishing period should be reported in statistical area 244-62.