



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 16
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 16 opens commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets on Thursday July 13, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Drift Gillnet Area 1, the Expanded Kenai and the Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Central District. This announcement also extends commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday July 13, 2023, in the Expanded Kasilof section 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 and at least one mile from the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai River during additional and regulatory scheduled commercial fishing periods.

Through July 11, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 231,627 fish and the current projection of escapement is approximately 601,000 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 244-60.