



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 36
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 36 opens set and drift gillnetting in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict of the Central District on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023. These openings will continue until closed or changed by emergency order. The Chinitna Bay Subdistrict includes those waters west of a line from Spring Point to Sea Otter Point. During these fishing periods, waters open to drift gillnetting in Chinitna Bay occur east of a line from the crane on the south shore at 59° 49.91' N. lat., 153° 05.47' W. long., to the ADF&G regulatory marker on Glacier Spit at 59° 51.67' N. lat., 153° 07.92' W. long (5 AAC 21.330(c)).

An aerial survey of Chinitna River was conducted on August 8, 2023. This survey produced an estimate of approximately 6,350 chum salmon in these streams. The chum salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Chinitna River/Clearwater Creek is 3,500–8,000 fish. Therefore, opening Chinitna Bay to set and drift gillnetting as described in this announcement is warranted.

Fish harvested in Chinitna Bay should be reported in statistical area 245-10.