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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 43 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-42-23

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 43 closes set gillnetting in all waters of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet on Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Deshka River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,200–24,100 fish. Through August 21, approximately 81% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir. The cumulative weir count through August 21, was 1,533 coho salmon and is currently projecting the escapement goal will not be achieved.

The Little Susitna River coho salmon SEG is 9,200–17,700 fish. Through August 21, approximately 70% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir. The cumulative weir count through August 21 was 3,565 coho salmon and is currently projecting the escapement goal will not be achieved.

The above restriction is warranted to help increase coho salmon escapements into Northern Cook Inlet streams.