



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 45
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 45 closes set gillnetting in all waters of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet on Thursday, August 31, 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 25, approximately 95% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir. The cumulative weir count through August 25, was 1,817 coho salmon and is currently projecting the escapement goal will not be achieved. No counts have been possible since August 25, due to flooding.

The Little Susitna River coho salmon SEG is 9,200–17,700 fish. Through August 25, approximately 83% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir. The cumulative weir count through August 25 was 3,726 coho salmon and is currently projecting the escapement goal will not be achieved. The weir was removed on August 26, 2023, due to flooding.

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