



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 46
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 46 closes set gillnetting in all waters of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet on Monday, September 4, 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. The weir was removed for the season on August 30, 2023, due to flooding. The last day of conditions good enough to enumerate fish was August 25, approximately 95% of the run has historically passed upstream of the weir by this date. The cumulative weir count on August 25, was 1,817 coho salmon and projections through the final day of counts indicate the escapement goal would not be achieved.

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

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