



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 16
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Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be extended in the Expanded Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2024.

As a Reminder: Drift gillnet vessels that fish in the federal commercial fishery, **may not** participate in a State of Alaska commercial fishery that same day per federal regulations. Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and federal fishery regulations.

Drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline in compliance with the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan (5 AAC 21.382)*.

Through July 1, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 190,812 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 851,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon returning to the Kasilof River.

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 (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)). Fish harvested in the drift gillnet fishery during the extended time of the Expanded Kasilof Section fishing period should be reported in statistical areas 244-57.

General Information for all UCI commercial fisheries and specifics about harvest levels, required permits, reporting requirements, or the registration processes, can be obtained by calling the Soldotna ADF&G staff at 907-262-9368, and also found at the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main>