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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 9
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-09-12

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 9 closes set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Drifters are reminded that their fishing period on Monday, July 9 is restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (Figure 1). This restriction is in compliance with 5AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

As of July 6, all indices used to assess inriver abundance of Kenai River king salmon indicate a run that is well below average. Inseason projections show all indices will not achieve their respective minimum inseason management objective by the end of the run in early August. Based on these data, the Division of Sport Fish has issued an emergency order restricting the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai River to catch and release fishing. Closing the regularly scheduled fishing period for set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict on Monday, July 9 is intended to pass king salmon into the Kenai River.

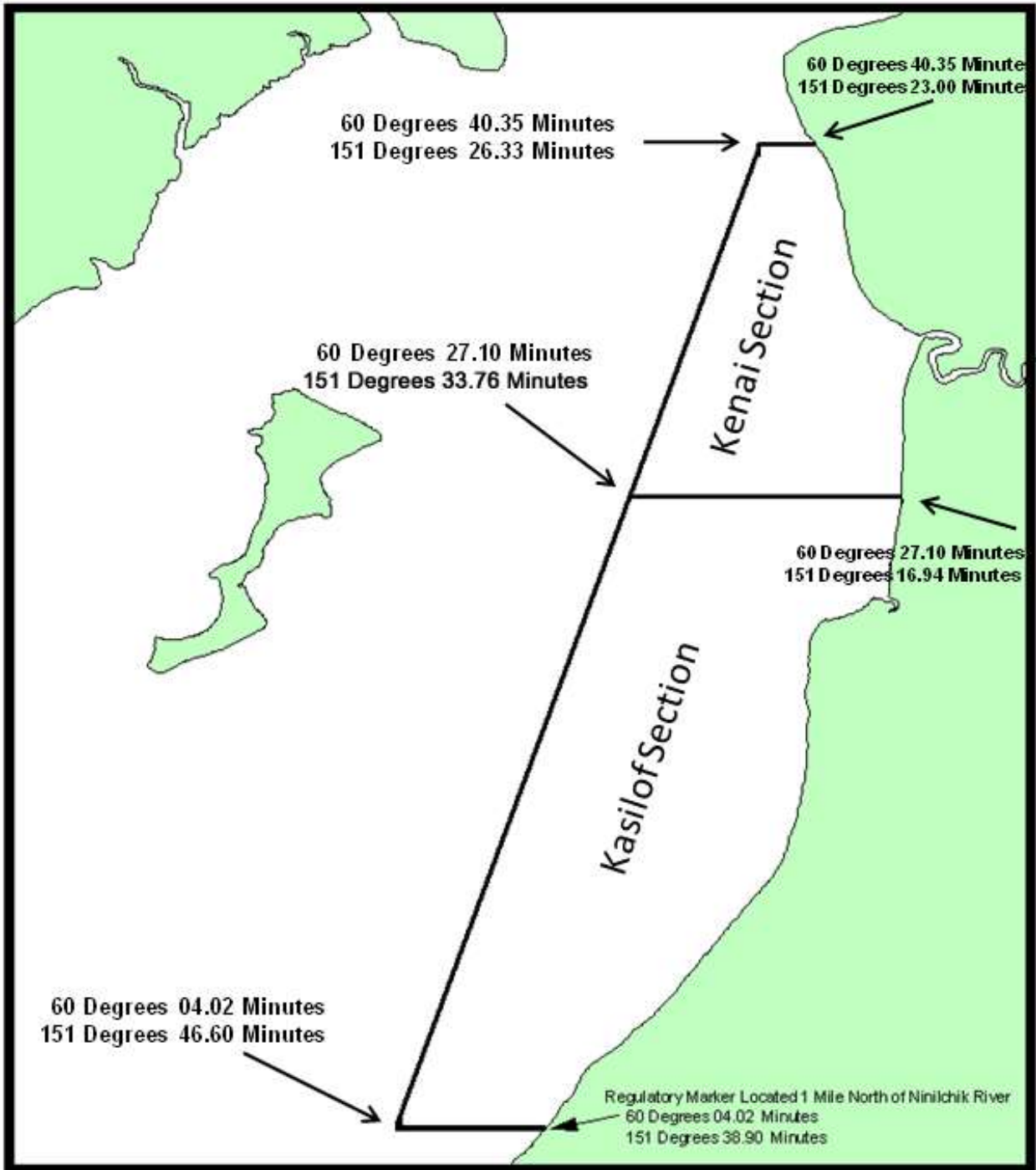


Figure 1. Map of the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Corridors with waypoints.