



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 12
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Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof and Anchor Point sections only.

Additionally, Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof section only.

For the regular commercial period on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in State of Alaska waters of drift gillnet Area 1, the Expanded Kasilof section, and the Expanded Kenai Section. Additionally, commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be extended from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof section only.

As a reminder, per the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management plan*, drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline.

Through July 6, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 446,384 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 1.5 million 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, using the correct statistical fishing area or areas (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)).

Fish harvested in the drift gillnet fishery in the Expanded Kasilof Section should be recorded under 244-62, the Expanded Kenai section under 244-52, and fish harvested in the Anchor Point Section should be recorded under 244-63. If both sections are fished, record under the section that the fish were predominately harvested in.

Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

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 by viewing the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main>