



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 14
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-15-25

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

Additionally, commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 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 Saturday, July 12, 2025 in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof section only.

For the regular commercial period on Monday, July 14, 2025, commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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 Monday, July 14, 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 9, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 548,558 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 1.6 million sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon. Through July 9, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kenai River was 164,194 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 2.6 million sockeye salmon which exceeds the inriver run goal of 1.1 -1.4 million sockeye salmon. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon returning to the Kasilof and Kenai rivers.

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 July 11 should be reported under 244-56. Fish harvested on July 11 and July 14 should be reported under the statistical area they are predominantly harvested in or if primarily fishing in the Expanded Corridor use 244-56.

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>