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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 10 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-10-14

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 10 opens commercial salmon fishing with set and drift gillnets in the Kasilof Section (regular Kasilof Section, not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict on Saturday, July 5, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

The estimated cumulative passage of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River through Friday, July 4, was approximately 166,000 fish. At this level of passage, even early run timing models project final escapements in the Kasilof River well above the upper end of either the biological escapement goal (BEG) of 160,000–340,000 fish or the optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000–390,000 fish. Therefore, opening the Kasilof Section to set and drift gillnetting is being allowed in order to slow the rate of escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River.