

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 15**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-15-14**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 15 opens set gillnetting in that portion of the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict within ½ mile of the mean high tide mark on the Kenai Peninsula shoreline from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2014.

The biological escapement goal (BEG) for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–340,000 fish, while the optimal escapement goal (OEG) is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 227,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof sonar through July 11. Even early run timing models project final escapements in excess of the BEG and OEG in the Kasilof River.

On July 10, the daily passage of Kenai River late-run king salmon was estimated at 196 fish for a season total of 2,122. If low numbers of king salmon continue to enter the Kenai River through the weekend, then additional restrictive inseason management actions could occur as soon as early next week.

Therefore, in order to reduce the rate of escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River and to reduce the harvest of Kenai River king salmon, fishing in the area described above is warranted.