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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 30
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 30 opens commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA; Figure 1) from 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014 until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

This announcement also opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the KRSHA from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014 and from 5:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Due to enforcement issues with the outside boundaries of the KRSHA, closure of the drift fishery during the hours of darkness is warranted.

No drift gillnet may be operated closer than 600 feet of any of the set gillnet buoys or set gillnets in the normally open set gillnet area. The riverside closed area is a straight line drawn between the two commercial markers located in the river terminus. The offshore limit of this area is bounded by the following four points: 1) 60° 22.590' N. lat., 151° 20.793' W. long; 2) 60° 23.832' N. lat., 151° 21.703' W. long; 3) 60° 24.130' N. lat., 151° 21.335' W. long; 4) 60° 24.130' N. lat.; 151° 17.720' W. long. Specifics of this plan are on pages 23-24 of the current regulation book.

The boundary between those waters open to set gillnetting and drift gillnetting is bounded by the following four points: 5) 60° 22.770' N. lat., 151° 20.930' W. long; 6) 60° 23.230' N. lat., 151° 19.310' W. long; 7) 60° 23.560' N. lat., 151° 18.170' W. long; and 8) 60° 24.130' N. lat. 151° 18.120' W. long.

During the fishing period in the KRSHA, the navigation channel is closed to all commercial fishing with set gillnet gear including nets and anchor lines. The outside terminal area boundaries are approximately 600 feet south of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile

north of the Kasilof River to 600 feet north of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile south of the Kasilof River.

Any fish caught in the KRSHA should be delivered on a separate fish ticket using statistical area 244-25 for set gillnet and 244-26 for drift gillnet.

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 321,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof sonar through July 19. Run timing models project final escapements in excess of the BEG and OEG in the Kasilof River.

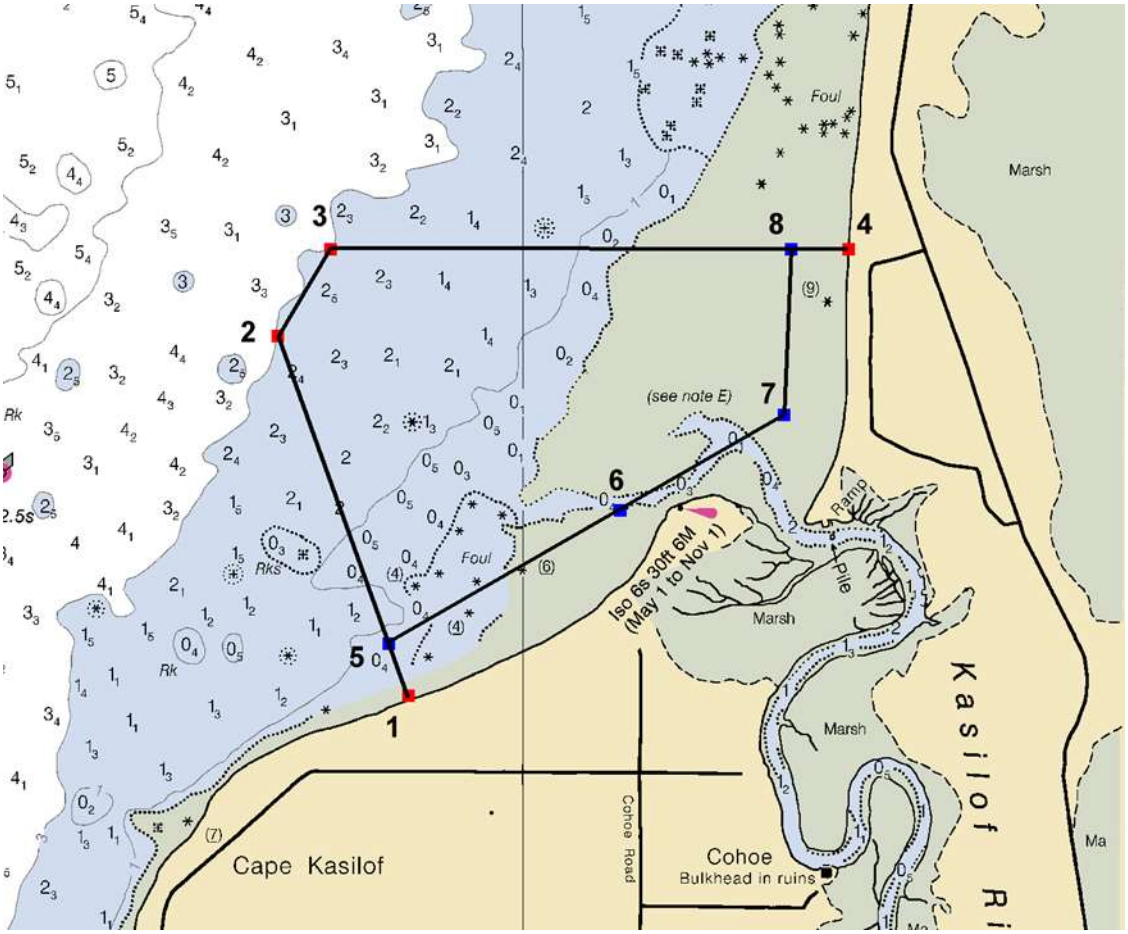

Figure 1. Map of the Kasilof River Terminal Harvest Area with waypoint boundaries.

Waypoint 1: 60° 22.590' N. lat. 151° 20.793' W. long.

Waypoint 2: 60° 23.832' N. lat. 151° 21.703' W. long.

Waypoint 3: 60° 24.130' N. lat. 151° 21.335' W. long.

Waypoint 4: 60° 24.130' N. lat. 151° 17.720' W. long.

Waypoint 5: 60° 22.770' N. lat. 151° 20.930' W. long.

Waypoint 6: 60° 23.230' N. lat. 151° 19.310' W. long.

Waypoint 7: 60° 23.560' N. lat. 151° 18.170' W. long.

Waypoint 8: 60° 24.130' N. lat. 151° 18.120' W. long.