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<u>UPPER COOK INLET</u> 2015 OUTLOOK FOR COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING

SOCKEYE SALMON

A run of approximately 5.8 million sockeye salmon is forecasted to return to Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) in 2015, with a harvest by all user groups of 3.7 million. The forecasted harvest in 2015 is equal to the 20-year average harvest.

The Kenai River sockeye salmon forecast is approximately 3.6 million fish, which is 0.2 million fish less than the 20-year average run for this system of 3.8 million. Age-1.3 salmon typically comprise about 57% of the run; in 2015 the predominant age classes are projected to be age 1.3 (52%), age 1.2 (11%), and age 2.3 (29%). The 10-year mean absolute percent error (MAPE) for the set of models used for the 2015 Kenai River sockeye salmon forecast is 19%.

The Kasilof River sockeye salmon run forecast is 1,092,000, which is 12% greater than the 20-year average of 953,000. Age-1.3 salmon typically comprise about 34% of the Kasilof River run; the 2015 Kasilof River predominate age classes are projected to be age 1.2 (30%), age 1.3 (34%), and age 2.2 (23%). The 10-year MAPE for the set of models used for the 2015 Kasilof River sockeye salmon forecast is 19%.

The Susitna River sockeye salmon run forecast is 276,000 fish, which is 31% less than the 9-year average of 402,000. This forecast was derived using mean return per spawner by age class for brood years 2006–2010 and mark–recapture estimates of spawner abundance in 2009–2011. Sonar and age composition catch allocation models were not used, because mark-recapture studies have shown that the Yentna sonar project underestimated sockeye salmon escapement, causing estimates of adult returns to also be underestimated. This is the third year this forecast method has been used, so error estimates (MAPE) are not available. The 9-year average run (2006–2014) was calculated using mark–recapture estimates of inriver run and genetic estimates of commercial harvests.

The Fish Creek sockeye salmon run forecast is 61,000, which is 38% less than the 20-year average of 98,000. Age-1.2 and -1.3 salmon typically comprise 87% of the run; the predominant age classes in the 2015 run are projected to be age 1.2 (76%) and age 1.3 (11%).

System	Run	Goals ^a
Fish Creek	61,000	20,000-70,000
Kasilof River ^{b,c}	1,092,000	160,000–340,000
Kenai River ^{b,d}	3,550,000	1,000,000-1,200,000
Susitna River	276,000	
Larson Lake	N/A	15,000–50,000
Chelatna Lake	N/A	20,000-65,000
Judd Lake	N/A	25,000-55,000
Unmonitored Systems ^e	851,000	N/A
Total	5,830,000	

Forecast runs to individual freshwater systems are as follows:

^a Goals listed here are as follows: Fish Creek: Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG); Kasilof River: Biological Escapement Goal (BEG); Kenai River: Inriver; and Susitna River: SEG (weir goals).

^b Kasilof and Kenai rivers escapement goals are now DIDSON-based.

^c Kasilof River optimal escapement goal is 160,000–390,000 sockeye salmon.

^d Kenai River optimal escapement goal is 700,000–1,400,000.

^e Unmonitored systems are estimated to be 15% of monitored systems.

2015 FISHING STRATEGY

Northern District Set Gillnet

- Since 2011, management actions in the Northern District directed king salmon set gillnet fishery have included area closures, time restrictions, and regularly scheduled fishing period closures in order to reduce the harvest of northern Cook Inlet king salmon. While escapements have moderately improved over the past couple of years, 7 king salmon stocks remain as stocks of concern. Therefore, the 2015 management strategy will mimic actions taken in 2014. In the 2015 directed king salmon commercial set gillnet fishery, the first period of season, which occurs on Monday, May 25, will be closed. In addition, that area of beach from a point at the wood chip dock north to the Susitna River will remain closed to commercial king salmon fishing. Finally, the remaining four commercial king salmon fishing periods will be reduced in duration from 12 hours to 6 hours per fishing period. These periods occur on June 1, 8, 15, and 22. Additional restrictions (or relaxation of restrictions) will be based upon inseason assessment of king salmon escapement at the Deshka River. All of the Northern District is expected to return to a regular fishing schedule beginning on Thursday, June 25.
- Susitna River sockeye salmon remain a stock of yield concern. As a result of this designation, restrictive actions to fisheries that harvest this stock were retained in regulation at the 2014 Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) meeting. *The Northern District Salmon Management Plan* permits the department to reduce the legal complement of gear in the Northern District set gillnet fishery to no more than one net per permit from July 20 through August 6 to conserve Susitna River sockeye salmon. However, in that portion of the General Subdistrict south of the Susitna River, the department may allow the use of no more than two nets per permit after July 30. In 2015, six different fishing periods could be affected by a reduction of gear. All areas in the Northern District will return to a full complement of gear beginning on Monday, August 10.

Central District Fisheries

<u> Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery – Overview</u>

The 2015 Kenai River late-run king salmon forecast projects a total run of approximately 22,000 fish. Therefore, 2015 management strategies in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be similar to 2014; that is, fishing time will be based on inseason assessments of sockeye salmon abundance, while ensuring adequate king salmon escapement relative to the SEG of 15,000-30,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.

<u> Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery – Management</u>

Kasilof Section Prior to July 1

- The Kasilof Section opens on the first regular period on or after June 25, unless the department estimates that 50,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River prior to that date, at which time the commissioner may open the fishery by emergency order (EO); however, the fishery may not open earlier than June 20. Opening the fishery prior to June 25 will also be dependent on the inseason assessment of Kenai River early-run king salmon abundance.
- Through June 30, the fishery will be open for regular 12-hour periods (Mondays and Thursdays) and must close for 36 consecutive hours per week, which will begin between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday. Additionally, the department may allow up to 48 hours of additional fishing time per week (Sunday through Saturday).

Kasilof Section After July 1

• If the projected inriver run of late-run Kenai River king salmon is more than 22,500 fish, the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery will be prosecuted through July 7 under the same guidelines as it was prior to July 1. If the king salmon run is projected to be less than 22,500 fish, management of the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery beginning July 1 may be tied to actions taken in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery (see following section).

Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands Sections

- The Kenai and East Forelands sections fishing season opens on or after July 8.
- Management of the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Foreland sections (Upper Subdistrict) set gillnet fishery will be based on the abundance of Kenai River late-run king salmon, as well as the run size of Kenai River sockeye salmon and escapement levels of sockeye salmon in both the Kenai and Kasilof rivers. In July, if the inriver run of Kenai River late-run king salmon is projected to exceed 22,500 fish, then management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery would follow the guidelines for the size of the sockeye salmon run to the Kenai River. For the 2015 season, the Kenai River run projection is 3.6 million sockeye salmon. Therefore, the season would be managed following guidelines outlined below for runs between 2.3 million and 4.6 million fish. The Kenai River sockeye salmon run will be reassessed after July 20 to determine inseason run strength.
 - a. For runs **between 2.3 million and 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon**, the department may allow up to 51 hours of additional fishing time per week in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery and will close the fishery for a 36-hour period per week, which will begin between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday. In addition, there will be a second 24-hour closed period per week that will begin between 7:00 p.m. on Monday

and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday. If the Kenai and East Forelands sections are not fished, the department may limit regular and extra periods in the Kasilof Section to within one-half mile of shore.

- From July 1–31, if the projected inriver run of Kenai River late-run king salmon is less than 22,500 fish, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be "paired" to actions taken in the Kenai River late-run king salmon sport fishery. If the sport fishery is restricted to fishing with no bait, then the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be managed as described in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* on pages 7-8 of this document.
- If the escapement of Kenai River late-run king salmon is projected to exceed 22,500 fish, all restrictions and additional time regulations for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery from July carry over into August, except that the fishery is restricted to regular periods only from August 11–15, and will close no later than August 15. However, the season will close any time after July 31, if during two consecutive fishing periods (defined as a calendar day) the sockeye salmon harvest is less than one-percent of the season total. The one-percent rule now applies separately to the Kasilof Section and the Kenai/East Foreland Sections, which means one of the areas could close under the one-percent rule, while the other area remained open.

<u>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery – Overview</u>

The department manages the UCI drift gillnet fleet primarily under the guidance of 5 AAC 21.353. *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.* The purpose of this management plan is to ensure adequate escapement of salmon into Northern Cook Inlet drainages and to provide management guidelines to the department. To meet these directives, there are two timeframes in July when drift fleet restrictions are implemented to pass fish through the Central District. At the 2014 board meeting, there were substantial changes made to the drift gillnet fishery (please see the Regulatory Changes section of this document for a detailed description of these changes).

<u>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery – Management</u>

- The drift gillnet fishery opens the third Monday in June or June 19, whichever is later.
- From July 9 through July 15:
 - Drift gillnet fishing is restricted for both regular fishing periods to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections (Figure 1), and Drift Gillnet Area 1 (Figure 2) described below.
 - In runs of over 2.3 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, there may be one additional 12-hour period in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections, and Drift Gillnet Area 1.
- From July 16 through July 31:
 - In runs less than 2.3 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, all regular 12-hour fishing periods will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections.
 - In runs between 2.3 million and 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, fishing during one 12-hour regular fishing period per week will be restricted to any or all of the following areas: Expanded Kenai Section, Expanded Kasilof Section, Anchor Point Section (Figure 3), or Drift Area 1. The remaining weekly 12-hour regular

fishing period will be restricted to one or more of the following: Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, or Anchor Point sections. All additional fishing time is allowed only in the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections.

- In runs greater than 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, fishing during one 12-hour fishing period per week will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections (Figure 4). There are no mandatory restrictions on the remaining 12-hour regular fishing period. All additional fishing time outside regular fishing periods is allowed only in one or more of the following: the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections.
- From August 1 through August 15:
 - Two one-percent rules apply during this time period, the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one-percent rule and the Central District drift gillnet one-percent rule (see the Regulatory Changes section of this document).
- From August 16 until closed by EO:
 - > Drift Areas 3 and 4 (Figure 5) are open for regular periods.
 - Chinitna Bay may be opened by EO if chum salmon escapement objectives are achieved in Clearwater Creek.

Drift Gillnet Fishing Areas

- Expanded Kenai Section: all waters enclosed by a line from a point located on the shore at 60° 40.35' N. lat., 151° 23.00' W. long. then west to a point located at 60° 40.35' W. long., south to a point at the latitude of the Blanchard line located at 60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 33.76' W. long. east to a point on the beach at 60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 16.94' W. long.
- 2.) Expanded Kasilof Section: all waters enclosed by a line from a point on the beach at 60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 16.94' W. long., west to a point at the Blanchard line located at 60° 27.10' N. lat., 151° 33.76' W. long., south to a point located at 60° 04.02' N. lat., 151° 46.60' W. long., east to an ADF&G regulatory marker located at 60° 04.02' N. lat., 151° 38.90' W. long.
- 3.) Anchor Point Section: all waters enclosed by a line from an ADF&G regulatory marker located at a point on the beach at 60° 04.02' N. lat., 151° 38.90' W. long., west to a point located at 60° 04.02' N. lat., 151° 49.00' W. long., south to a point located at 59° 46.15' N. lat., 152° 15.80' W. long., and east to a point on shore at 59° 46.15' N. lat., 151° 52.06' W. long.;

Other regulations

- After July 8, the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area may be fished up to 48 hours, followed by a 24-hour closure, without an escapement trigger, if fish are present in sufficient numbers.
- The Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement trigger to open the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area to commercial fishing without limitation is 365,000 fish.
- In the Kasilof Section, beginning on July 8, if further restrictions beyond the one-half mile fishery are necessary to aid in achieving the lower end of the Kenai River

sockeye and king salmon escapement goals, this area may be further restricted to fishing within 600 feet of the high tide mark in the Kasilof Section.

SEASON OPENING DATES

Season opening dates in 2015 for the various fisheries around the inlet are as follows:

- *Northern District King Salmon Fishery:* May 25. As explained earlier in this document, there are five regular Monday fishing periods that occur beginning Monday, May 25, and include June 1, 8, 15, and 22. However, like 2014, the fishing period on May 25 will be closed. The area from a point at the wood chip dock to the Susitna River remains closed for the directed king salmon fishery in 2015.
- *Big River Fishery:* June 1 and continuing through June 24, unless the 1,000 king salmon harvest limit is reached prior to that date. Weekly fishing periods are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Western Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery: June 18.
- Drift Gillnet Fishery: June 22.
- All remaining set gillnet fisheries, except the Upper Subdistrict: June 25.
- *Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery:* June 25 for the Kasilof Section (that portion south of the Blanchard Line), unless opened earlier by EO (based on an inriver estimate of 50,000 Kasilof River sockeye salmon before the June 25 opener), but will not open before June 20. The Kenai and East Forelands Sections (that portion of the Upper Subdistrict north of the Blanchard Line) may open on or after July 8. All Sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close for the season on or before August 15.

REGULATORY CHANGES

There were several regulatory changes made by the board during the January–February 2014 meeting that were first implemented in 2014 and will again direct management of the 2015 fishing season. The following summary is for informational purposes only and is not a comprehensive review. Please consult regulations prior to fishing. Regulation books are available at department offices.

Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet

- Set gillnet permit stacking: One person may own two set gillnet permits (S04H) and operate two full complements of gear. However, in the Upper Subdistrict only, if one person owns and operates two permits, 105 fathoms of the 210 fathoms of total gear must be fished with nets that are not more than 29 meshes in depth and marked with a blue buoy on either end of the net. The buoy must be at least 9.5 inches (size A-0) in diameter.
- **One-percent rule**: The one-percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict was changed so that it applies separately to the Kasilof Section and the combined Kenai and East Foreland sections. Drifters are restricted to Drift Areas 3 and 4 from August 11–15 only if the entire Upper Subdistrict is closed under the one-percent rule.
- **24-hour Tuesday window**: For Kenai River sockeye salmon runs of 2.3 million to 4.6 million fish, the 24-hour window that was fixed in time on Tuesdays may now be

started anytime between 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. The window is still 24 hours in duration.

- **Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA)**: Boundaries were modified where set and drift gillnetting occurs in the KRSHA. Set gillnetting is now allowed within the first 1,200 feet from mean high tide, instead of the first 600 feet. Drift gillnetting is now allowed only beyond 1,200 feet from the mean high tide mark.
- Kasilof River Sockeye Salmon Biological Escapement Goal (BEG): The board clarified that the department should manage Kasilof River sockeye salmon to attain the BEG of 160,000–340,000 fish, unless the lower end of the Kenai River sockeye salmon escapement goal is not being achieved. In this situation, the department will manage to achieve the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000-390,000 fish.
- Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan: Restrictive actions were paired in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery, personal use fishery, and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery. Specifically from July 1–31, if the inriver run of late-run king salmon is projected to be less than 22,500 fish, in order to achieve the sustainable escapement goal (SEG), the sport fishery may be restricted to fishing with no bait or to no bait and no retention of king salmon. If the sport fishery is prosecuted under a no-bait restriction, then the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery must be managed as follows:
 - ➢ No Monday/Thursday regular fishing periods.
 - No mandatory 24-hour window per week, but the 36-hour "Friday" window remains.
 - > No more than 36 hours of fishing time per week with the following options:
 - (a) no additional restrictions on amount of gear and depth of nets;
 - (b) gear restrictions where fishermen would be allowed to fish three set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth or two set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth;
 - (c) gear restrictions where fishermen would be allowed to fish two set gillnets that are each not more than 35 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth or one set gillnet that is not more than 35 fathoms in length and 45 meshes in depth;
 - If the sport fishery is restricted to no bait and no retention, then the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery is open for no more than 12 hours per week, with a 36-hour "Friday" window. No additional restrictions on gear would occur during this time period.
 - ➢ From July 1−31, both the inriver sport fishery and the commercial set gillnet fishery are to be managed to meet a Kenai River late-run king salmon SEG of 15,000−30,000 fish.
 - Beginning August 1, if Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement is projected to be less than 16,500 fish, the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be closed. If the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement is projected to be 16,500–22,500 fish, the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery may be opened for no more than 36 hours during August 1–15. If king salmon escapement is projected to exceed 22,500 fish,

then management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will be based on Kenai and Kasilof rivers sockeye salmon run strength.

• Marking of 29 mesh nets: All nets that are required to be 29 meshes in depth or less must be marked with a blue buoy on either end of the net. The buoy must be at least 9.5 inches in diameter, which is the size of an A-0 buoy.

Central District Drift Gillnet

- **Dual drift fishing (D-boat)**: The option to D-boat fish was retained in regulation, meaning two separate permit holders may fish on one boat with a total complement of gear not to exceed 200 fathoms. As of 2014, D-boat fishermen no longer need to register with the department prior to fishing.
- **One-percent rule**: A new one-percent rule for drift gillnetting was passed, which is similar to the one-percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery. The drift rule states that after August 1, drifting will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 if the drift fleet harvests less than one-percent of their total sockeye salmon harvest for two consecutive fishing periods. The set gillnet one-percent rule also impacts the drift fishery during the August 11–15 time frame, but only if the entire Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery is closed under the one-percent rule.
- **Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan**: Changes were made in how the drift fleet is to be fished during the following two time periods in July:
 - ➢ From July 9–15, both regular fishing periods will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections and Drift Gillnet Area 1. At Kenai River run strengths greater than 2.3 million fish, a third 12-hour fishing period during this time may be allowed in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections and Drift Gillnet Area 1.
 - From July 16–31,
 - At run strengths less than 2.3 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, fishing during all regular 12-hour fishing periods will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.
 - At run strengths of 2.3 million to 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, fishing during one 12-hour regular fishing period per week will be restricted to any or all of the following areas: Expanded Kenai Section, Expanded Kasilof Section, Anchor Point Section, and Drift Area 1. The remaining weekly 12-hour regular fishing period will be restricted to one or more of the following: Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, or Anchor Point sections.
 - At run strengths greater than 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon, fishing during one 12-hour fishing period per week will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof, and Anchor Point sections. There are no mandatory restrictions on the remaining 12-hour regular fishing period.
 - All additional fishing time, other than regular fishing periods, is allowed in any or all of the following: Expanded Kenai, Expanded Kasilof and Anchor Point sections.
 - Added the "Anchor Point Section" to the list of corridors.

General Provisions

• *Pink Salmon Management Plan*: Some provisions within this plan were changed. Based upon the number of pink salmon that are harvested by Upper Subdistrict set gillnetters from August 6–10, in even years only, a pink salmon fishery may be opened for up to two fishing periods from August 11–15. If opened, the pink salmon fishery is only provided to setnetters in the Upper Subdistrict and to drift gillnetters in the Kenai Section (narrow Kenai corridor). The second fishing period may only be opened if more than 50,000 pink salmon and less than 2,500 coho salmon are harvested by setnetters during the first fishing period. Set gillnetting is no longer limited to more than 600 feet from shore during the pink salmon fishery, but both set and drift gillnets must still use nets with a mesh size no larger than 4 ³/₄ inches.

SET NET REGISTRATION AND BUOY STICKERS

All Cook Inlet setnet fishermen are required to register prior to fishing for one of three areas of Cook Inlet: 1) the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District; 2) the Northern District; or, 3) all remaining areas of Cook Inlet (Greater Cook Inlet). Once registered for one of these three areas, fishermen may fish only in the area for which they are registered for the remainder of the year. No transfers will be permitted. Set gillnet permit holders fishing in the Northern District or the Greater Cook Inlet area can register at ADF&G offices in Soldotna, Homer, or Anchorage or by mail. Forms are available at area offices or on the department's homepage at:

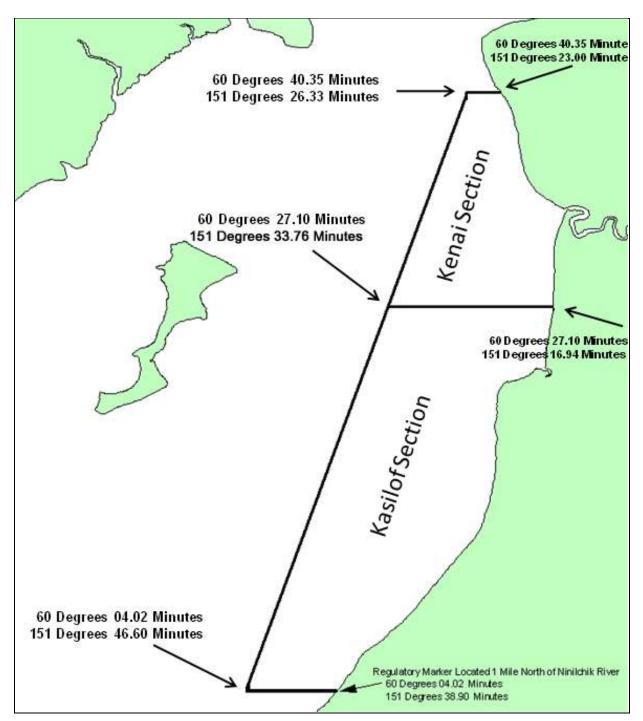
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Fishermen wishing to register in person for the Upper Subdistrict must register in the **Soldotna ADF&G office only** and must purchase buoy stickers at the time of registering. Electronic registration with the option to pay for buoy stickers online may be available for the 2015 season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

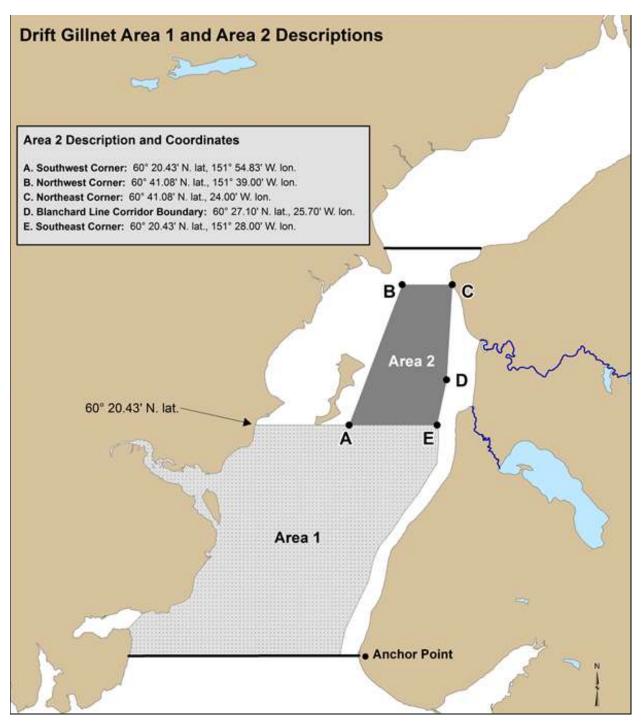
The UCI commercial fisheries information line will again be available by calling 262-9611. The most recent emergency order announcement is always available on the recorded message line and catch, escapement and test fishing information is included whenever possible. All emergency order announcements are also faxed or emailed to processors as quickly as possible and posted to the UCI web page at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.salmon. For very general information, we invite you to visit the Commercial Fisheries web page on the Internet at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingCommercial.main.

If, during the summer, fishermen have information or questions concerning the commercial fishery, the Soldotna Division of Commercial Fisheries staff can be reached by phone at 262-9368, by fax at 262-4709, or by mail at 43961 Kalifornsky Beach Road, Suite B, Soldotna, 99669.



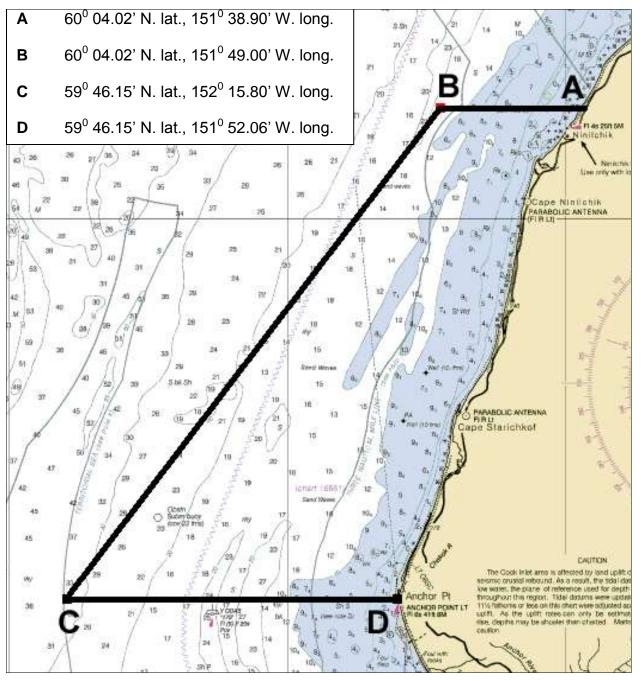
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Figure 1.-Map of the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections with waypoint descriptions.



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Figure 2.-Map of drift gillnet fishing areas one and two.



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Figure 3.–Map of the Anchor Point Section with waypoint descriptions.

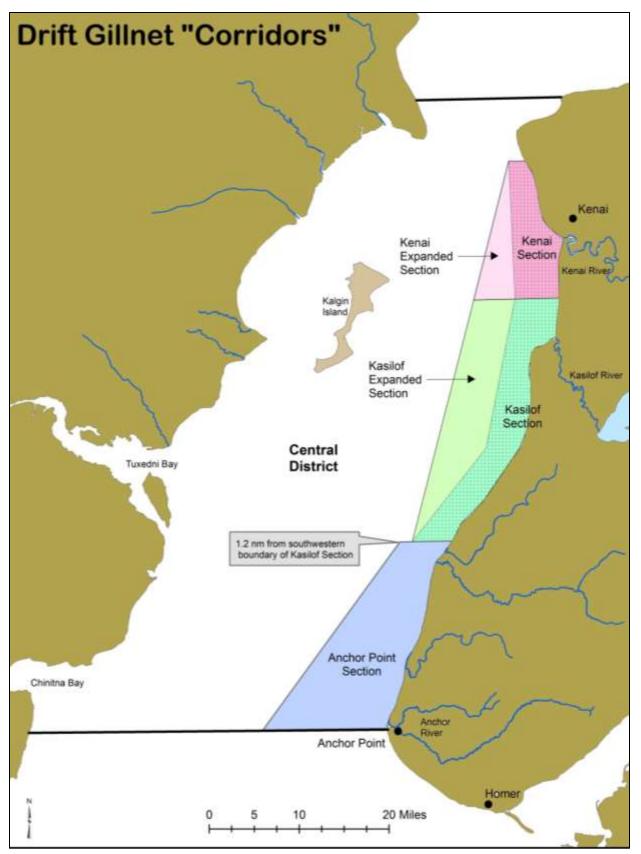
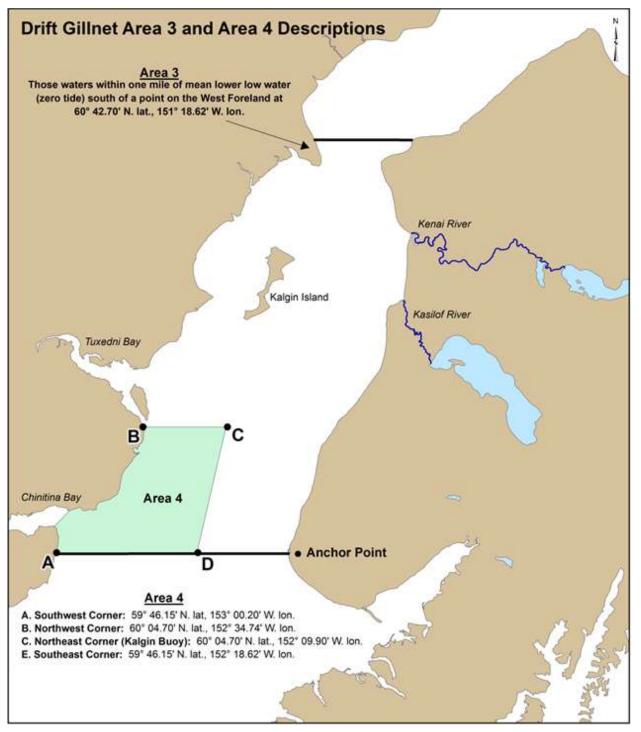


Figure 4.-Map of all drift gillnet "corridors" in Upper Cook Inlet.



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Figure 5.–Map of the drift gillnet areas open beginning August 16.