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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 8
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 8 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Kasilof Section (not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

As of midnight on Sunday, June 28 more than 127,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof River sonar site. This represents the third highest passage estimate in the past 10 years (2006–2015) through this date. Today's estimate of passage through 12:00 noon is more than 5,600 fish. The fishing period provided in this announcement is intended to slow the rate of escapement of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River.

Set gillnet fishermen in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District who own and operate two CFEC set gillnet permits may operate up to 210 fathoms of gear, except that no more than 105 fathoms may exceed 29 meshes in depth (5 AAC 21.331 (i) *Gillnet Specifications and Operations*). Additionally, each set gillnet operated under this section with 29 meshes or less in depth must be identified at one end with a blue buoy that is 9.5 inches in diameter or greater.