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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 24
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-24-15

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 24 reduces legal gear to one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length, in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015, and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Susitna River sockeye salmon were found by the Board of Fisheries to be a stock of yield concern. *The Susitna River Sockeye Salmon Action Plan* (SSSAP) directs ADF&G through 5AAC 21.358 *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to conservatively manage the commercial fishery while research continues to better understand the productivity of this stock. The *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* directs the Northern District set gillnet fishery to fish with no more than one set gillnet per permit from July 20 through July 30. If the Department determines that the Susitna River escapement goals will be achieved, the gear restriction may be relaxed by emergency order.

Further announcements concerning the amount of gear that may be used in the Northern District after July 30 will occur later in July.