

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



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 40**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-40-15**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 40 opens commercial fishing with set gillnets in Kenai, Kasilof, and East Foreland sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Saturday, August 1, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. This announcement also opens drift gillnetting in all waters of the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet normally open to drift gillnetting (see 5AAC 21.200(b) and 5AAC 21.350(b)) on Saturday, August 1, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Finally, this announcement also opens set gillnetting in the Kalgin Island Subdistrict of Upper Cook Inlet on Saturday, August 1, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Packer's Creek sockeye salmon is 15,000–30,000 fish. A video weir assessment of sockeye salmon escapement into Packers Lake projects a final escapement near the upper end of the SEG. According to 5 AAC 21.370 *Packers Creek Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*, for the purpose of harvesting Packers Creek sockeye salmon, extra fishing time in the Kalgin Island Subdistrict shall be limited to no more than one additional fishing period per week. This announcement is in compliance with the *Packers Creek Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*.

The estimated cumulative passage of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River through July 30 was approximately 405,000 fish. 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. Both the SEG and the OEG have been exceeded.

The cumulative sockeye salmon passage estimate in the Kenai River through July 30, was approximately 868,000 fish. The inriver goal for Kenai River sockeye salmon runs of 2,300,000–4,600,000 fish is 1,000,000 to 1,200,000. The current estimate of passage in the Kenai River through July 30 indicates the inriver goal will be met or exceeded.