

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



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 7**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-07-16**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 7 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Drift gillnetting will be opened in the Kasilof Section (not the Expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

The escapement rate of sockeye salmon into the Kasilof River is proceeding at a rate greater than that needed to assure optimum escapement levels. In order to reduce the rate of escapement, additional fishing time in the above-described area is warranted.

*5 AAC 21.365 Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan* states that the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery is restricted to no more than 48-hours of additional fishing time per week from the beginning of the season through July 7. With this fishing announcement, 9 hours of additional time will have been used for the week of July 3–July 9.