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Assessment of the 2016 Upper Cook Inlet Sockeye Salmon Run

On July 26, 2016, Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fisheries staff estimated the total Kenai River sockeye salmon run through July 25 to be 2.6 million fish. The final run to the Kenai River is projected to range from 4.3 million to 5.6 million sockeye salmon.

The entire UCI sockeye salmon run to date was estimated to be 3.8 million fish through July 25, with a final run projected to range from 6.4 million to 8.3 million fish.

With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries remain under the regulations for run sizes greater than 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon. Based on this projected run size, the Kenai River sockeye salmon inriver goal remains at 1.1 million to 1.35 million fish.