UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-02-17

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 2 reduces the open fishing time in the Northern District directed king salmon commercial set gillnet fishery from twelve hours to six hours for the regularly scheduled fishing period on Monday, June 19, 2017. This fishing period will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Deshka River king salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 13,000–28,000 fish. The estimated cumulative passage of king salmon at the Deshka River weir through Saturday, June 17, was approximately 6,400 fish. Based on daily passage estimates for the past 14 days, the projected final escapement of king salmon into the Deshka River has declined each day. Therefore, a reduction in the harvest of king salmon of Deshka River origin is warranted. In the commercial fishery, the fishing period on Monday, June 19 is being reduced from 12 hours to 6 hours in duration to meet that objective.

Commercial fishermen participating in the Northern District directed king salmon fishery are reminded that Emergency Order No. 1, which was issued on May 18, 2017, closed commercial salmon fishing in that portion of the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet from the wood chip dock located approximately at 61° 02.77’ N. lat., 151° 10.04’ W. long., to the Susitna River during the 2017 directed king salmon fishing season (Figure 1).

All waters of the Northern District, including the closed waters identified in this announcement, will be open for the regular fishing season from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning on Monday, June 26, 2017.
Figure 1.–Map of the area closed to commercial fishing during the 2017 Northern District set gillnet directed king salmon fishery.