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DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE



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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 14
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 14 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Foreland sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

Fishing in the above described waters is warranted in order to harvest sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.

5 AAC 21.360 Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan states that for Kenai River sockeye salmon runs less than 2.3 million fish, the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery will fish regular fishing periods and the commissioner may, by emergency order, allow extra fishing periods of no more than 24 hours per week. With this fishing announcement, 24 hours of additional time will have been used for the week of July 9–15.

Fish harvested in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery should be reported in statistical areas 244-21, 244-22, 244-31, 244-32, 244-41, or 244-42. Please see UCI emergency order no. 3 for a description of set gillnet statistical areas in the Upper Subdistrict.

Fish harvested during this drift gillnet fishing period should be reported in statistical area 244-56.