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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 18
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 18 closes commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict and with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District on Monday, July 24, 2017.

The total sockeye salmon passage estimate in the Kenai River through Saturday, July 22, 2017 is approximately 307,000 fish. On average, sockeye salmon passage into the Kenai River is 48% complete through July 22. Based upon this level of passage, the minimum Kenai River inriver (sonar) goal of 900,000 fish will not be achieved. Therefore, closing the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet fisheries on Monday, July 24, 2017 is warranted.

All other areas will fish the regularly scheduled fishing period on Monday, July 24, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., except for set gillnetting in the Western Subdistrict south of Redoubt Point, which will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Monday, July 24, 2017.