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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 23
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-23-17

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 23 reduces the open fishing time from twelve hours to six hours, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in the Northern District set gillnet fishery on Monday, August 7, 2017.

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Area 1 of the Central District and to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017.

On Friday, August 4, 2017, the Division of Sport Fish released Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-35-17, prohibiting the use of bait in the Little Susitna River effective 12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 6, 2017. The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,100 - 17,700 fish. Recent daily weir counts are below average, and as of Saturday, August 5, 2017 total passage through the Little Susitna weir of 1,833 fish projects that the minimum SEG will not be achieved.

The restrictive actions to commercial fishing in this announcement are intended to reduce the harvest of coho salmon returning to Northern Cook Inlet.