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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 28 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-28-17

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 28 opens commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict and in the Anchor Point Section of the Lower Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Fishermen are reminded that during this fishing period drift gillnetting may not occur within one mile of the mean high tide mark north of the Kenai River or within one and one-half miles of the mean high tide mark south of the Kenai River, including those waters of the Anchor Point Section.

Sockeye salmon passage into the Kenai River through Thursday, August 10, was 992,000 fish. This level of passage projects the sockeye salmon inriver goal range of 1.0–1.3 million fish will be achieved. Sockeye salmon passage into the Kasilof River through Thursday, August 10, was 325,000 fish. This level of passage projects the biological escapement goal range of 160,000–340,000 sockeye salmon will also be achieved. Sockeye salmon escapement objectives have already been achieved at Fish Creek, Larson Lake, and Judd Lake. Sockeye salmon escapement at Chelatna Lake though Thursday, August 10, was approximately 18,700 fish and the SEG of 20,000–45,000 fish is projected to be achieved.

The fishing time provided for in this announcement is intended to harvest Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon.