

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 29**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-29-17**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 29 reduces the open fishing time for set gillnets from twelve hours to six hours per day, or from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., in that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District east of the Susitna River, including Fire Island, on Monday, August 14, 2017 (see Figure 1).

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be restricted to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict and Drift Gillnet Areas 1 & 3 of the Central District from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2017.

On August 4, 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., August 6. The Little Susitna River coho salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) is 10,100–17,700 fish. Recent daily weir counts remain below average. As of August 12, total passage through the Little Susitna weir of 3,652 coho salmon 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 the Little Susitna River and Northern Cook Inlet.

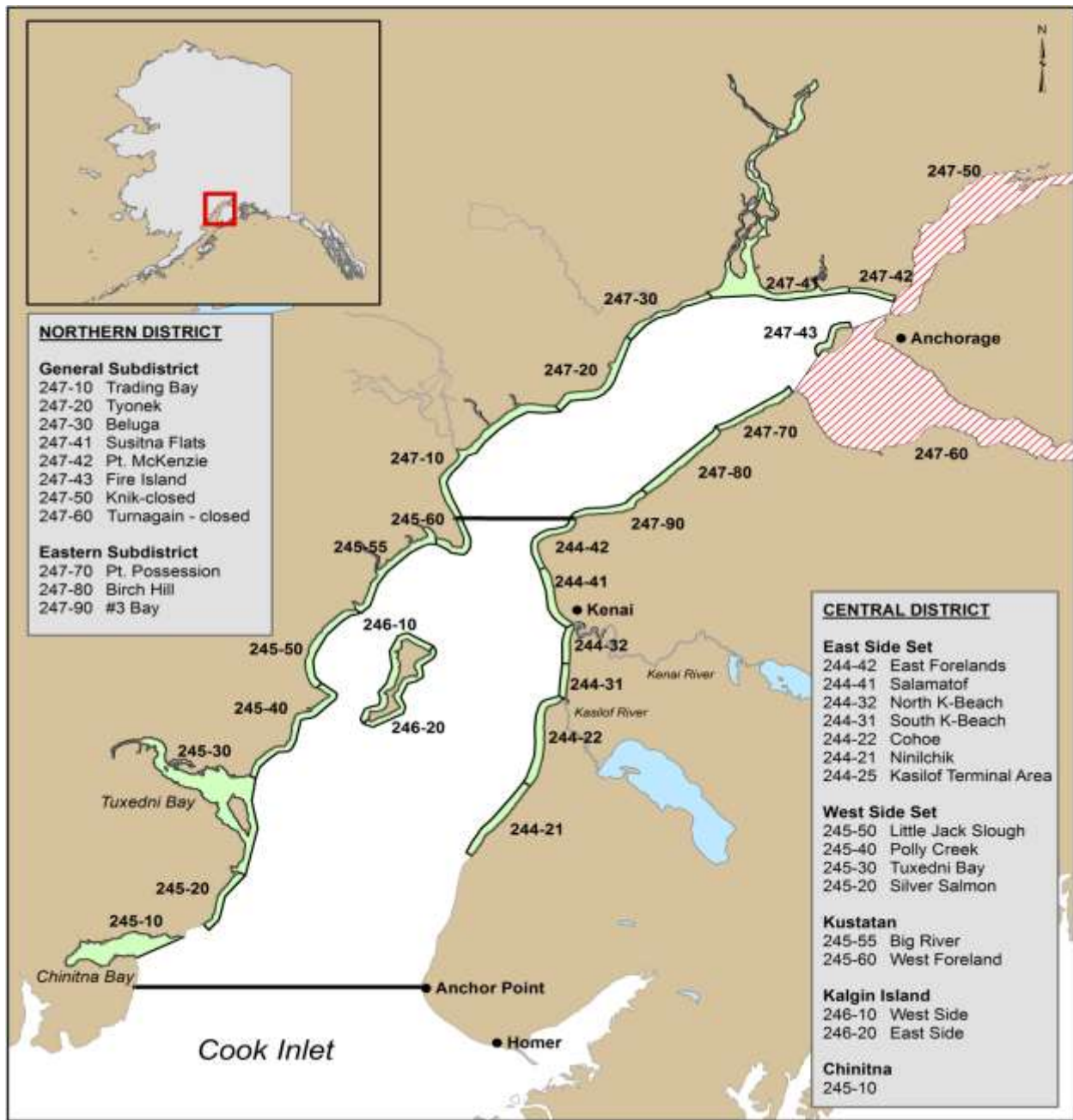


Figure 1. Map of Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet commercial fishing statistical areas.