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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 32
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-32-17

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 32 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 Thursday, August 17, 2017 (see Figure 1).

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 15, total passage through the Little Susitna weir of 5,799 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.

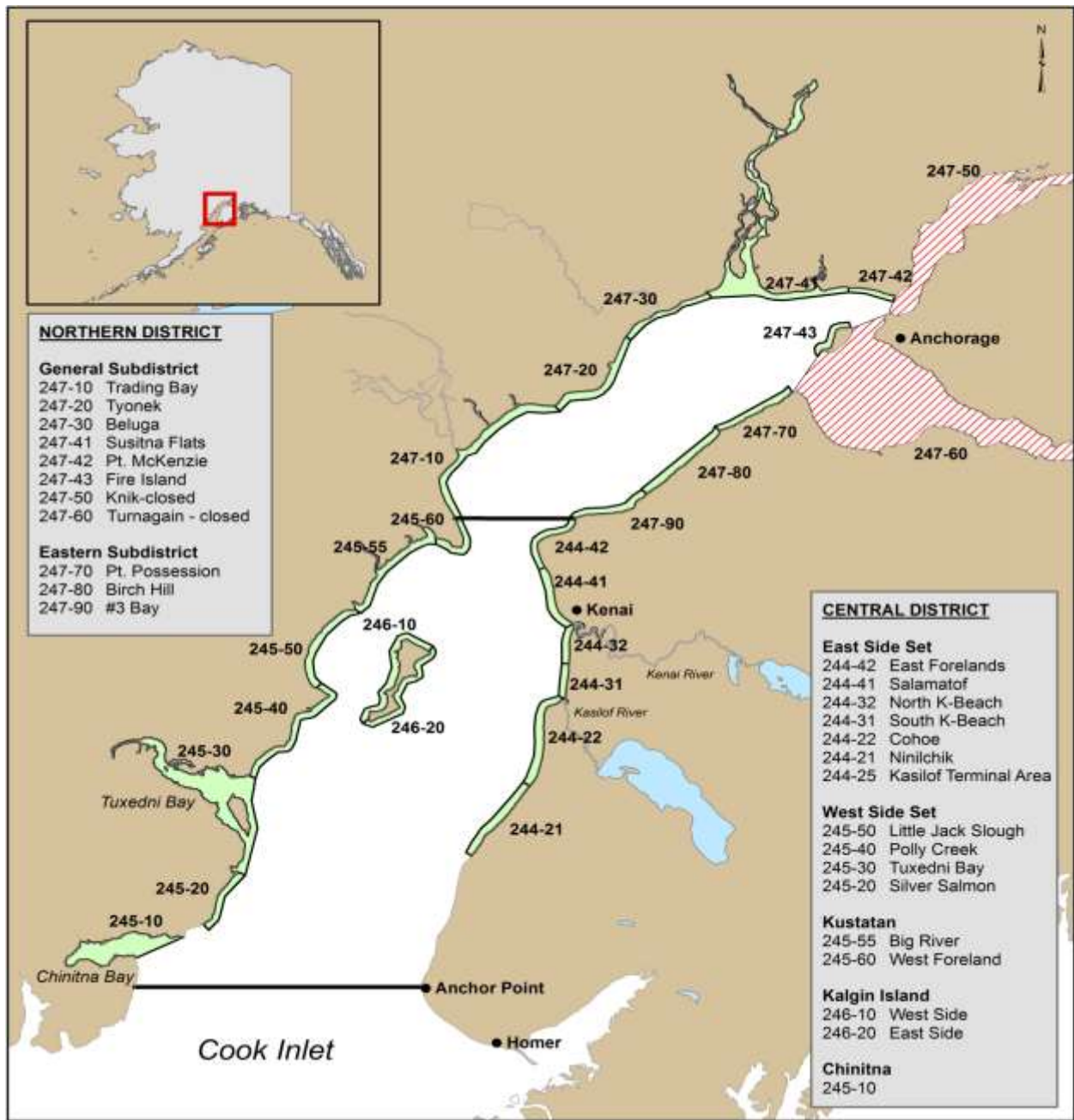


Figure 1. Map of Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet commercial fishing statistical areas.