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UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1
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Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishing Announcement No. 1 reduces the hours the personal use set gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River is open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, from Friday, June 15, 2018 through Sunday, June 24, 2018.

The department manages the Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 650–1,700 naturally-produced king salmon, measured at the Crooked Creek Hatchery weir.

On June 11, 2018, ADF&G issued sport fishing regulation restrictions prohibiting the retention of early-run, tributary spawning king salmon in the Kenai River. King salmon runs in numerous Kenai Peninsula drainages in 2018 are below average. Restrictions to king salmon sport fishing have been issued due to low run size assessments in Deep Creek, Anchor River and Ninilchik River, as well as Cook Inlet salt waters. These actions will likely result in an increase in the sport fishing effort and catch of king salmon in the Kasilof River. Consequently, restrictions in the harvest of king salmon were also enacted in the Kasilof River sport fishery.

Therefore, to reduce the harvest of Kasilof River king salmon in the personal use gillnet fishery at the mouth of the Kasilof River, the number of hours this fishery is open each day is being reduced from 17 hours per day to 12 hours per day, or from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

The Kasilof River personal use dip net fishery will open by regulation at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2018, and is open 24 hours per day.