

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



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 9**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-09-18**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 9 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in those waters of the Upper Subdistrict south of the East Foreland Section from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018.

5 AAC 21.310 Fishing Seasons and 5 AAC 21.320 Weekly Fishing Periods open the East Foreland Section set gillnet fishery for the 2018 season at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 9, and provide for a regular 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. fishing period on this day.

5 AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* restricts drift gillnetting to Drift Gillnet Area 1 and the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 and Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Fishing in the above described waters is warranted in order to harvest sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers.

The Kenai River late-run king salmon sport fishery was restricted to fishing with no bait beginning on July 1, 2018. According to 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3)(A) *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*, if the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery, commercial fishing periods in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery, excluding the East Foreland Section, are open for no more than 48 hours per week beginning July 1, with a 36-hour continuous closure per week beginning between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 7:00 a.m. Friday. With this announcement, the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery south of the East Foreland Section will have fished 12 hours for the management week of July 8 through July 14.

Fish harvested in the drift fishery during this fishing period should be reported in statistical area 244-60.