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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-01-11

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 1 closes that portion of the General Subdistrict of the Northern District from a point at the wood chip dock located approximately three miles south of Tyonek at 61° 02.56' N. lat., 151° 14.36' W. long., to the Susitna River to commercial king salmon fishing for the 2011 directed king salmon fishery (see page 2 for a map of the closed area). For the 2011 season, the fishing periods closed by this emergency occur on the following Mondays: May 30, June 6, 13, and 20.

At the 2011 Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings for the Upper Cook Inlet area, king salmon originating from the Chuitna River drainage were found to be a stock of management concern. As a result of this finding, the king salmon sport fishery in this drainage was closed for the 2011 season. The *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 21.366) specifies that if the Chuitna River is closed to sport fishing, the commissioner shall close the commercial king salmon fishery, by emergency order, from the wood chip dock to the Susitna River. This emergency order implements that mandatory closure.

