

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



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 13
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-12-11**

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 13 opens set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

Drift gillnetting will be opened in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

The offshore test fishery went from 227 on July 9, which was just above the historic low (119) to a cumulative index of 1,369 through July 14, which is just below the historic record (1,433). The OTF index today (July 15) is expected to be greater than 300. Including today, the number of days the OTF index has been over 100 is now seven, which has never occurred since the inception of the test fishery in 1979. In order to harvest this surplus of fish, fishing time in the above-described areas is warranted.