

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



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**UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 23
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-23-19**

Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 23 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark on the Kenai Peninsula shoreline from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Set gillnetting will also be opened within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark in that portion of the Kenai Section north of the latitude of the Blanchard Line (60° 27.10' N. lat.) and south of the latitude of the ADF&G regulatory marker (60° 30.49' N. lat.) located south of the Kenai River mouth; i.e., the North Kalifornsky Beach statistical area (244-32) from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019.

This announcement also opens commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict and in the Anchor Point Section of the Lower Subdistrict from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Both Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon cumulative passage estimates project exceeding the inriver goal (1.0–1.3 million) in the Kenai River and the Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) in the Kasilof River (160,000–340,000) for early, on-time, or late run timing entry. Through midnight of July 31, an estimated 1,124,000 sockeye salmon have passed by the Kenai River sonar site, while in the Kasilof River, approximately 321,500 sockeye salmon have been counted.

Fishing in the above describe waters is warranted to harvest sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.