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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN THROUGH JULY 24, 2020**

On July 24, 2020, Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fisheries staff estimated the total Kenai River sockeye salmon run through July 23 to be 863,000 fish. The department estimates the total Kenai River run to be 1.9 million sockeye salmon. The total run to the Kenai River is projected to be less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and will likely be 2 to 5 days late in run timing.

With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries remain under the regulations for run sizes less than 2.3 million Kenai River sockeye salmon. Based on this projected run size, the Kenai River sockeye salmon inriver goal remains at 1.0 million to 1.2 million fish.

#### **COVID-19**

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>