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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN THROUGH JULY 26, 2021**

On July 27, 2021, Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fisheries staff estimated the total UCI sockeye salmon run through July 26 to be 2.7 million fish. The department projects the total UCI sockeye salmon run for 2021 to be 3.9 million fish. The estimated Kenai River sockeye salmon stock through July 26 is 1.4 million fish. The department projects the total Kenai River sockeye salmon run to be 2.1 million fish and will likely be 2 to 9 days late in run timing.

The preseason forecast for the Kenai River sockeye salmon return was 2.33 million fish. With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries will change and fall 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 range is 1.0 to 1.2 million fish.

### **COVID-19**

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.