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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 23
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-23-22

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 23 reduces legal set gillnet gear in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet during the regulatory fishing periods from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2022, and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022. In the General Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be reduced to no more than one set gillnet per permit, measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length. In the Eastern Subdistrict, of the Northern District, legal gear during these fishing periods will be reduced to no more than two set gillnets per permit, with each set gillnet measuring no more than 35 fathoms in length with the aggregate net length not to exceed 70 fathoms.

The Northern District Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.358) provides the department with the option of reducing gear in the Northern District set gillnet fishery from July 20 through August 6 to conservatively manage commercial harvest of Susitna River sockeye salmon stocks. If the department determines that Susitna River sockeye salmon stocks are achieving adequate abundances, the gear restrictions may be relaxed by subsequent emergency order.

Further announcements concerning the amount of gear that may be used in the Northern District set gillnet fishery, after July 30, will occur later in July or early in August.