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UPPER COOK INLET SUBSISTENCE FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-3-24

Subsistence fishing in the Tyonek Subdistrict will open under restricted hours from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., on Thursdays and Fridays, from May 15 through June 15, 2024, unless modified by subsequent emergency order. The Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery will remain open from June 16 through October 15, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, unless modified by subsequent emergency order.

Given anticipated poor king salmon returns to Northern Cook Inlet streams, this announcement reduces subsistence salmon fishing opportunity in the Tyonek Subdistrict of Upper Cook Inlet. Subsistence fishing will be closed on Tuesdays from 4:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., on May 15 to June 15, 2024. The remaining open hours are anticipated to provide reasonable opportunity for king salmon for subsistence needs.

All directed sport and commercial king salmon fishing in Northern Cook Inlet (NCI) is being closed for the 2024 season. This broad closure is in response to a recent pattern of poor returns for all stocks in the NCI area and a Deshka River king salmon forecast that is well below the escapement goal. A reduction in hours in the subsistence fishery is warranted.