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## Advisory Announcement

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### UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 52 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-55-24

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be open in Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice effective 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

5AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* states that from August 1 through August 15, regular fishing periods will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 if the department determines that less than one percent of the season's total drift gillnet sockeye salmon harvest has been taken per fishing period for two consecutive fishing periods in the drift gillnet fishery. Based on preliminary harvest reports, the sockeye salmon harvest in the drift gillnet fishery on August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> were both less than one-percent of the season's total sockeye salmon harvest. Therefore, drift gillnet fishing will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in compliance with the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

The *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* also stipulates that from August 16 until closed by emergency order, Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 are open for fishing during regular fishing periods. Regulatory drift gillnet fishing periods restricted to only Drift Gillnet Area 3 and 4 of the Central District, will continue on Mondays and Thursdays 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the remainder of the UCI salmon fishing season, until closed or changed by emergency order.

As a Reminder: Drift gillnet vessels that fish in the federal commercial fishery, **may not** participate in a State of Alaska commercial fishery that same day per federal regulations. Please contact NOAA regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and federal fishery regulations.

General information for all UCI commercial fisheries and specifics about harvest levels, required permits, reporting requirements, or the registration processes, can be obtained by calling the Soldotna ADF&G staff at 907-262-9368, and also found at the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main>