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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 7 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-8-25

Commercial salmon fishing in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet will be closed from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, and from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2025.

The sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for king salmon in the Deshka River is 9,000 to 18,000 fish, as measured at the weir located at river mile seven. The Deshka River inseason projection suggests that the escapement goal is unlikely to be achieved. Weir installation was delayed until June 13 due to high water, and an estimated 392 fish were missed. Adding these fish to counts through June 23, the king salmon passage through the Deshka River weir is 1,544 fish and on time to 3-days late projections estimate final escapement to be between 2,300 and 2,700 fish. Inseason information indicates king salmon run are exhibiting later run timings this year and fish are still likely present in the Northern District.

General Information for 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 by viewing the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site.