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# INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN THROUGH JULY 23, 2025

As of July 25, 2025, Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimates the total Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon run, through July 24, to be 5.25 million fish. Of this total, approximately 3.02 million are estimated to be late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon. Given the run to-date, the department projects the final Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon run to be 5.36 million fish, with run timing estimated to be 3–4 days early.

The preseason forecast for the Kenai River late run was 4.19 million fish, which placed the 2025 Upper Subdistrict Central District commercial fisheries management under middle-tier regulations (5AAC 21.360). The updated inseason projection of 5.36 million fish now exceeds both the forecast and the 4.60 million fish threshold that shifts management to the upper-tier management regulations. Under these regulations, the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal range increases from 1.10–1.40 million fish to 1.20–1.60 million fish.