



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 21
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Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof, Expanded Kenai, and Anchor Point sections only. Record harvest under statistical code 244-57.

Additionally, commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, in State of Alaska waters district wide in the Central District. Commercial fishing will then be extended from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof, Expanded Kenai, and Anchor Point sections only. This period **does not** open Federal waters of the EEZ. Record harvest is the statistical area that fish are predominantly harvested in (Figure 1.). If fishing predominantly in the Kenai, Kasilof, and AP sections, then use statistical code 244-57.

As a reminder, per the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management plan*, drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline.

Through July 24, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 933,544 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 1.3 million sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon. Through July 24, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kenai River was 1,823,275 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 4.2 million sockeye salmon which exceeds the inriver run goal of 1.1-1.4 million sockeye salmon. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon returning to the Kasilof and Kenai rivers.

Fishermen and processors are reminded of the legal requirement to report all commercially harvested salmon on a fish ticket, whether sold or kept for personal use, using the correct statistical fishing area or areas (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)).

Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

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 by viewing the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main>

