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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 33 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-34-25

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 33 opens commercial salmon fishing with set gillnets and drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict of the Central District on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025. These openings will continue until closed or changed by emergency order. The Chinitna Bay Subdistrict includes those waters west of a line from Spring Point to Sea Otter Point. During these fishing periods, waters open to drift gillnetting in Chinitna Bay occur east of a line from the crane on the south shore at 59° 49.91' N. lat., 153° 05.47' W. long., to the ADF&G regulatory marker on Glacier Spit at 59° 51.67' N. lat., 153° 07.92' W. long (5 AAC 21.330(c)).

An aerial survey of Chinitna River was conducted on August 11, 2025. This survey produced an estimate of approximately 6,431 chum salmon in these streams. The chum salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) for Chinitna River/Clearwater Creek is 3,500–8,000 fish. Therefore, opening Chinitna Bay to set and drift gillnet gear as described in this announcement is warranted.

Fish harvested in Chinitna Bay should be reported in statistical area 245-10.

General information for <u>all</u> 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