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Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 2 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-2-26

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 2 closes set gillnet fishing for salmon in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict until further notice, effective immediately. Additionally, this announcement closes drift gillnet fishing in the waters of Upper Cook Inlet within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline until further notice, effective immediately. These actions are in compliance with the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan* which directs the department to close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict if the preseason forecasted or inseason projected Kenai River late-run large king salmon escapement is less than 14,250 fish. The 2026 preseason forecast for Kenai River late-run king salmon is 12,718 large fish.

In addition to the commercial fishery restrictions, on February 9, 2026, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, issued Emergency Order 2-KS-1-7-26 closing the Kenai River drainage to sport fishing for late-run king salmon effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2026.