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INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN THROUGH JULY 24, 2026

As of July 24, 2026, Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff estimate the total Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) sockeye salmon run to date at 2.5 million fish. Of that, 967,000 fish are estimated to be late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon. The department projects the total run of Kenai River sockeye salmon to be 3.0 million fish with 4 days late run timing.

The preseason forecast for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon was 4.5 million fish. With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries will not change and will continue to be managed under regulations applicable to runs ranging from 2.3 to 4.6 million fish. Run strength will continue to be monitored throughout the season, and the current run tier designation may be revised as additional information becomes available. Accordingly, the inriver goal range for the Kenai River is 1.1 to 1.4 million sockeye salmon.