

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
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**NEWS RELEASE**



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**INSEASON ASSESSMENT OF UPPER COOK INLET SOCKEYE SALMON RUN  
THROUGH JULY 27, 2017**

On July 28, 2017, Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Commercial Fisheries staff estimated the Kenai River sockeye salmon run will exceed 2.3 million sockeye salmon.

With this inseason assessment, management of the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet and Central District drift gillnet commercial fisheries changes to the regulations for run sizes from 2.3 million to 4.6 million Kenai River sockeye salmon. Based on this projected run size, the Kenai River sockeye salmon inriver goal range is 1,00,000–1,300,000 fish. The Upper Subdistrict set gillnet (ESSN) fishery may now be open for up to 51 additional hours per week (Sunday to Saturday) beyond the 12-hour regular periods on Monday and Thursday. In addition, the ESSN must be closed during two time periods each week as follows: for 24 consecutive hours beginning between 7:00 p.m. on Monday and 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, and for 36 consecutive hours beginning between 7:00 a.m. on Thursday and 7:00 a.m. on Friday. The drift gillnet fishing period on Monday, July 31 may now be fished in one or more of the following areas: Expanded Kasilof Section, Expanded Kenai Section, Anchor Point Section, Drift Area 1, or all waters of the Central District.