

LETTER OF INTENT --  
JULY 1 OPENING FOR COOK INLET EAST SIDE SET NET FISHERY

The Board of Fisheries has established the opening date for the Central District east side set net fishery based on the following considerations:

1. The present status of stocks bound for the Kenai and Kasilof systems.
2. The requirements of the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan, including the primary commercial utilization of sockeye salmon stocks bound for Upper Cook Inlet systems from July 1 to August 15.

The opening date recognizes the importance of the late Kenai king salmon to the sport and commercial guide fisheries by allowing a certain degree of escapement to the Kenai River prior to commercial harvest by the east side set net fishery. The board also recognizes that a certain unknown portion of the kings taken in July are not late Kenai king salmon.

The opening date established allows a modest sacrifice of commercially harvested sockeye to provide for a modest escapement of late Kenai kings under the present stock conditions. The board will consider changes in the opening date when stock conditions warrant it, including specifically:

1. a significant increase or reduction in the high seas interception of Upper Cook Inlet king salmon; or
2. a significant increase or reduction in sockeye salmon available for harvest by the east side set net fishery.

Increases in chinook salmon stocks available in Cook Inlet during the period from July 1 to August 15 shall be shared by all user groups.

Date:

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