



Advisory Announcement
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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 19
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Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, in State of Alaska waters of the Expanded Kasilof, Expanded Kenai, and Anchor Point sections only, in the Central District. Record harvest under statistical code 244-70 for Area 1 or 244-57 for the corridor sections.

Additionally, per the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management plan*, drift gillnet fishing is prohibited within 2-miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline.

Through July 20, the cumulative sockeye salmon escapement estimate for the Kasilof River was 539,323 fish and the current mean run timing projection of escapement is approximately 900,000 sockeye salmon which exceeds the biological escapement goal of 140,000–320,000 sockeye salmon.

Through July 20, the cumulative sockeye salmon sonar estimate for the Kenai River was 210,755 fish and the current mean run timing projection of inriver run ranges from approximately 900,000–1.3 million sockeye salmon based on mean to three days late run timing. Fishing in the above-described waters is warranted to target sockeye salmon returning to the Kasilof and Kenai rivers.

Fishermen and processors are reminded of the legal requirement to report all commercially harvested salmon on a fish ticket, whether sold or kept for personal use, using the correct statistical fishing area or areas (5 AAC 39.130(c)(7)).

Please check with the appropriate federal agency regarding fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

General Information for all 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 by viewing the ADF&G UCI commercial fisheries web site. <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.main>