



Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 29 **EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-30-26**

Commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnets will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026, in State of Alaska waters of drift gillnet Area 3 only. Record harvest under statistical codes 245-70, 245-80 or 245-90.

The department is taking a conservative approach for managing coho salmon this season, in accordance with the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*. Federal EEZ coho salmon harvest exceeded both the federal TAC and ABC, resulting in greater than expected Cook Inlet coho salmon harvest. This excessive harvest, in combination with recent year trends and inseason indicators of abundance, indicates these restrictions are warranted to conserve Northern Cook Inlet and Kenai Peninsula coho salmon.

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>