



Advisory Announcement

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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 30 EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2-F-H-31-26

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be open in State of Alaska Waters, of Drift Gillnet Area 3 and Area 4 only from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice effective 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

The *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* states that from August 1 through August 15, regular fishing periods will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and 4 if the department determines that less than one percent of the season's total drift gillnet sockeye salmon harvest has been taken per fishing period for two consecutive fishing periods in the drift gillnet fishery. Based on preliminary harvest reports, the sockeye salmon harvest in the drift gillnet fishery on August 3 and August 6 were both less than one-percent of the season total sockeye salmon harvest. Therefore, drift gillnet fishing will be restricted to Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and Area 4 on August 10, 2026, in compliance with the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

The *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* also stipulates that from August 16 until closed by emergency order, Drift Gillnet Areas 3 and Area 4 are open for fishing during regular fishing periods. Regulatory drift gillnet fishing periods restricted to only Drift Gillnet Area 3 and 4 of the Central District, will continue Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the remainder of the UCI salmon fishing season, until closed or changed by emergency order.

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>