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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT EMERGENCY ORDER 2M-01-22

This Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement closes the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery for the 2022 season at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

5 AAC 21.505 Cook Inlet Smelt Fishery Management Plan states that smelt may be taken only under the provisions of a commissioner's permit and no more than 200 tons of smelt may be harvested annually. Total harvests as of May 16, 2022, indicate that the UCI commercial smelt fishery will reach the 200-ton limit. Therefore, in compliance with the smelt fishery management plan, the commercial smelt fishery will be closed for the 2022 season.