

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Members  
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**2012 ADF&G Sport and Commercial Set Gillnet Management Actions Related to  
Kenai River Late-run King Salmon**

- 1) Commercial EO No. 2S-03-12: Issued June 24. Effective June 25.  
Action: Close regular Monday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 2) Commercial EO No. 2S-04-12: Issued June 27. Effective June 28.  
Action: Close regular Thursday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kasilof River sockeye salmon and Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 3) July 1: Lower Kenai River (mouth to Slikok Creek) open to king salmon harvest by regulation.
- 4) Sport EO No. 2-KS-1-18-12: Issued June 19. Effective July 1.  
Action: Prohibit bait July 1–31, entire river.  
Reason: Anticipate late-run to also be poor.
- 5) Commercial EO No. 2S-05-12: Issued July 1. Effective July 2.  
Action: Close regular Monday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 6) Commercial EO No. 2S-07-12: Issued July 3. Effective July 3.  
Action: Open for an 11-hour EO period to set and drift gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Indications of a harvestable surplus of Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 7) Commercial EO No. 2S-08-12: Issued July 5. Effective July 5.  
Action: Extends regular Thursday period for an additional two hours to set and drift gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Indications of a harvestable surplus of Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 8) Commercial EO No. 2S-09-12: Issued July 8. Effective July 9.  
Action: Close regular Monday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 9) Sport EO No. 2-KS-1-35-12: Issued July 6. Effective July 10.  
Action: Prohibit king salmon retention in personal use fishery.  
Reason: Anticipate late-run to also be poor and restricted inriver fishery (no bait).

- 10) Sport EO No. 2-KS-1-37-12: Issued July 8. Effective July 10.  
Action: Mouth to Slikok Creek: trophy/catch-and-release (C&R) (retain less than 20" or greater than 55") through June 30;  
Action: Above Slikok Creek: continue king salmon closure through July 14; then July 15–31 trophy/C&R.  
Reason: All indices well below management objective; cumulative DIDSON through July 6 = 659 (projection = 6,000-9,000).
- 11) Commercial EO No. 2S-10-12: Issued July 11. Effective July 12.  
Action: Close regular Thursday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kasilof River sockeye salmon, Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon, and Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 12) Commercial – July 16: Regular Monday 12-hour period open to set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.
- 13) Commercial EO No. 2S-14-12: Issued July 17. Effective July 17.  
Action: Close Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting until further notice.  
Reason: Concern for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 14) Sport EO No. 2-KS-1-42-12: Issued July 17. Effective July 19.  
Action: Closed to king salmon fishing July 19–31, mouth to Skilak Lake.  
Reason: 40<sup>th</sup> percentile; all indices well below management objective; cumulative DIDSON through July 15 = 4,033 (projection = 10,300–15,800).
- 15) Commercial EO No. 2S-31-12: Issued August 1. Effective August 2.  
Action: Close regular Thursday 12-hour period to set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Concern for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 16) Sport EO No. 2-KS-1-48-12: Issued August 1. Effective August 2 through August 15.  
Action: Mouth to Soldotna Bridge: Prohibit bait and limit gear to one single-hook; Rescinded this EO on August 9.  
Reason: 85<sup>th</sup> percentile; all indices well below management objective; cumulative DIDSON through July 29 = 12,208 (projection = 14,700).
- 17) Commercial EO No. 2S-33-12: Issued August 8. Effective August 9.  
Action: Move regular Thursday 12-hour period from 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. for set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Provide for an orderly fishery and to maximize the harvest potential of Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 18) Commercial EO No. 2S-34-12: Issued August 10. Effective August 12.  
Action: Open for a 12-hour EO period to set and drift gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.  
Reason: Pink salmon commercial period with gear limited to a maximum mesh size of four and three-quarters inches.

19) Commercial EO No. 2S-36-12: Issued August 12. Effective August 13.

Action: Move regular Monday 12-hour period from 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. for set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict.

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