CENTRAL DISTRICT DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY RESTRICTIONS

SEASON OPENING/CLOSING DATES

- 1970:
 - o June 17 until closed by Emergency Order (EO).
- 1979:
 - o June 25 until closed by EO.
- 1986:
 - o June 25 until closed by EO. However, the fishing season can now open prior to June 25 if certain sockeye salmon passage triggers are met in the Kenai and Kasilof rivers (1986–2004).
- 1996:
 - o June 25 through August 9.
- 2005:
 - o 3rd Monday in June or June 19 (whichever is later) until closed by EO.

WEEKLY FISHING PERIODS

- 1970:
 - o Prior to July 15: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. After July 15: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.
- 1971:
 - Mondays and Fridays from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- 1985:
 - o Mondays and Fridays from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- 1999:
 - o Mondays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

JULY RESTRICTIONS/TIER RESTRICTIONS

- 1996:
 - o The first regular fishing period after July 25 is restricted to the Kenai and Kasilof sections (1996–1998).
- 1999:
 - o One regular fishing period from July 9–15 is restricted to the Kenai and Kasilof sections (1999–2004).
 - o First regular period before and after July 25 is restricted to either the Kenai and Kasilof sections or the area south of Kalgin Island (1999–2001).
 - o Regular period restrictions removed if Kenai River sockeye salmon run strength is great than 4 million fish (1999–2004).
- 2002:
 - o From July 16–31 (2002–2004):
 - Two consecutive regular periods are restricted to either or both the Kenai and Kasilof sections or Drift Area 1.

- However, if Kenai sockeye salmon run strength is greater than 3 million fish, fishing is allowed the first regular period on or before July 25 and the first regular period after July 25 in the Kenai/Kasilof sections, Drift Area 1, and in the area south and east of the north tip of Kalgin Island.
 - o If two consecutive fishing restrictions are used during two regular periods from July 16–31, no further restrictions are necessary on the periods before or after July 25.
- After July 20, if the Kenai sockeye salmon run strength is greater than 4 million fish, the first regular period after July 25 may be fished district wide.

• 2005:

- o Both regular periods from July 9–15 are restricted to Drift Area 1 and the Kenai/Kasilof sections (2005–2010).
- o From July 16–31, if Kenai River sockeye salmon run strength is:
 - less than 2 million fish, two regular periods restricted to Drift Area 1 and the Kenai/Kasilof sections (2005–2010);
 - between 2 million and 4 million fish, two regular periods restricted to Drift Areas 1 and 2 and the Kenai/Kasilof sections (2005 through 2010);
 - greater than 4 million fish, there are no mandatory restrictions (2005–2010).

• 2011:

- o From July 9–15:
 - 1st regular fishing period restricted to the expanded corridor (Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections; 2011–2013).
 - 2nd regular fishing period restricted to Drift Area 1 and the narrow corridor (2011–2013).
 - Additional fishing time is allowed only in the expanded corridor (2011– present).
- o From July 16–31: if the Kenai River sockeye salmon run strength is:
 - less than 2.3 million fish, one period is restricted to the expanded corridor (2011–2013).
 - between 2.3 million and 4.6 million fish, one period per week is restricted to Drift Area 1 and/or the expanded corridor (2011–2013).
 - greater than 4.6 million fish, there are no mandatory restrictions (2011–2013).

• 2014

- o From July 9–15:
 - 1st and 2nd regular fishing periods restricted to the expanded corridor and Drift Area 1.
- o From July 16–31: if the Kenai River sockeye salmon run strength is:
 - less than 2.3 million fish, all 12-hour fishing periods restricted to the expanded corridor.
 - between 2.3 and 4.6 million fish, one 12-hour period per week is restricted to one or more of the following areas: Drift Area 1, expanded corridor, Anchor Point section; the remaining weekly 12-hour period is restricted to

- one or more of the following areas: expanded corridor, Anchor Point Section..
- greater than 4.6 million, one regular 12-hour fishing period per week is restricted to the expanded corridor and the Anchor Point Section.
- Additional fishing time in this time period is allowed only in the expanded corridor and Anchor Point Section.

AUGUST RESTRICTIONS

- 1979:
 - o After August 15th fishing is closed within 5 miles of shore in the Upper Subdistrict (1979–1992).
- 1993:
 - Waters within one mile from the eastern shore of the Kenai Peninsula and within one mile around Kalgin Island are closed to fishing after August 15th (1993– 1995).
- 2005:
 - o After August 10th the fishery is restricted to Drift Areas 3 and 4 (2005–2007).
- 2008:
 - o After August 15th the fishery is restricted to Drift Areas 3 and 4 (2008–present).
 - o From August 11–15, if the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery is closed due to the one percent rule, drifting is restricted to Drift Areas 3 and 4 (2008–present).
- 2014:
 - o From August 1–15, if 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, regular fishing periods will be restricted to Drift Areas 3 and 4 (this is known as the one percent rule).