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2024 UCI COMMERCIAL SMELT (HOOLIGAN) FISHING SEASON
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 5 closes the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery for the 2024 season at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

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 100 tons of smelt may be harvested annually. Total harvests as of May 15, 2024, indicate that the UCI commercial smelt fishery will reach the 100-ton limit. Therefore, in compliance with the smelt fishery management plan, the commercial smelt fishery will be closed for the 2024 season.