KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 15
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-15-19

The Seaward Zones of the Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District and the Seaward Zones of the Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District will close to commercial salmon fishing at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

As Previously Announced:
The Outer Kitoi Bay Section of the Afognak District will open to commercial salmon fishing at noon Saturday, July 20 and remain open until further notice.

There will be a 105-hour commercial salmon fishing period from noon Saturday, July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 in the following areas:
- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The Afognak District (except the Duck Bay and Izhut Bay sections are open until further notice, and the Inner Kitoi Bay Section remains closed);
- The Northeast Kodiak District;
- The Eastside Kodiak District (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section and that portion of Pasagshak Bay northeast of a line from a point at 57°26.04’ N lat. 152°31.13’ W long. to a point at 57°25.44’ N lat. 152°29.39’ W long, will remain closed); and,
- The Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District.

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There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from noon Saturday, July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 22 in the following areas:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District; and
- The Mainland District (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections will remain closed).

There will be a **96-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 in the following areas:

- The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, and Dog Salmon Flats sections of the Alitak District.

**Closed Water Adjustments:**
Closed waters are **reduced** in the Dog Salmon Flats Section of the Alitak District until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of Dog Salmon Creek (stream #257-403).

Closed waters are **expanded** near Horse Marine Lagoon until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 in the Dog Salmon Flats Section of the Alitak District, east of a line bounded by a point from 57° 07.24’ N lat., 154° 00.30’ W long, to a point at 57° 06.495’ N lat., 154° 00.30’ W long, to a point at 57° 06.38’ N lat., 154° 00.00’ W long.

The Duck Bay and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District remain **open** to commercial salmon fishing until further notice.

**Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:**
Short notice, in period closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the Southwest Afognak Section, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

Fishermen are reminded, until further notice, within the Kodiak Area only that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Cost recovery fisheries have begun in the Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) and the Spiridon Bay SHA will remain **closed to common property fishing.** Fishery opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5 AAC 18.350). Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department’s 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

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