KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 16
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-16-19

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27** 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 **Southwest Afognak** and **Northwest Afognak sections** of the **Afognak District**;
- and,
- The **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, and Dog Salmon Flats sections** of the **Alitak District**.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from noon **Thursday, July 25 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 27** in the following areas:
- The **Outer Ayakulik** and **Halibut Bay sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**.

As Previously Announced:
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 closed** to commercial salmon fishing at **8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 20**.

The following areas will **close** as scheduled at **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24**:

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- The Raspberry Strait, Southeast Afognak, Northeast Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, and Perensoa Bay sections of the Afognak District,
- 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, currently remain closed); and,
- The Humpy-Deadman Section 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. Saturday, July 27 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. Saturday, July 27 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 following areas remain open to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**:
- The Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections of the Afognak District.

**Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:**

Short notice, inperiod 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 (5AAC 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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