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As of September 16, the weir count for coho salmon in Buskin River was 195 fish. Historically, by this date approximately 52 percent of the coho escapement has passed the weir. At this time, it is not expected that the Buskin River lower escapement goal for coho salmon (4,700) will be achieved. There will be no commercial salmon fishing in this area and the sport fishery will also be restricted.

In an effort to conserve Buskin River coho salmon, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Federal Subsistence Board will close a portion of the Buskin River Section to subsistence fishing for salmon.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Thursday September 19, 2019, the following area will close to the subsistence harvest of salmon, until further notice:

Buskin River: all waters of Chiniak Bay west of a line from Cliff Point (57° 43.51 N. lat., 152° 26.60’ W. long.) to the southern most tip of Near Island (57° 46.32’ N. lat., 152° 25.00’ W. long.) and south of a line from the southern most tip of Near Island (57° 46.32’ N. lat., 152° 25.00’ W. long.) to a point near Gibson Cove (57° 46.62’ N. lat., 152° 26.80’ W. long.).
As Previously Announced:
Closed waters are currently reduced for subsistence fishing until further notice in the following locations:

- At Ouzinkie Harbor to the stream terminus of stream #259-396.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska.

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