Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #31
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The Outer Kitoi Bay Section of the Afognak District will close to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21.

There will be a 72-hour extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 in the following areas:
- The Outer Karluk, Inner Ayakulik and Outer Ayakulik sections of the Southwest Kodiak District; Waters will be open to the stream terminus of Ayakulik River (stream #256-201);
- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed);
- The Humpy Deadman and Dog Salmon Flats sections of the Alitak District;
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District;
- The Big River, Hallo Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Dakavak Bay, Katmai, and Alinchat Bay sections of the Mainland District north of the latitude of Cape Kekerno (57° 43.50’ N lat.);
- The Eastside Kodiak District; and,
- The Northeast Kodiak District.

There will be a 54-hour commercial salmon fishing period from noon Saturday, August 22 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 in the following areas:
- The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District; and
- The Pauls Bay and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District.

Closed Water Adjustments:
Closed waters are reduced in the Dog Salmon Flats Section of the Alitak District until to 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of Dog Salmon Creek (stream #257-403).

Closed waters are reduced in the Dog Salmon Flats Section of the Alitak District until to 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 to Horse Marine Lagoon’s exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #257-402).

Within the Alinchat Bay Section of the Mainland District, closed waters are reduced to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 in the following locations:
- Bear Bay Creek (stream #262-654), West Bear Creek (stream #262-656), Big Alinchat River (stream #262-651), Little Alinchat River (stream #262-652).

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As Previously Announced:
The following areas remain **open until further notice:**
- The **Duck Bay** and **Izhut Bay sections** of the **Afognak District**;

**Until further notice,** in 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 salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

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.

Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an **Essential Business** and is part of Alaska’s **Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure.** Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow **protocols** in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: [https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates](https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates).