Advisory Announcement

KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #32
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-32-20

The Duck Bay Section and Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District, south of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58’ N lat., 152° 17.36’ W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90’ N lat., 152° 06.77’ W long.) will close to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24.

There will be a 48-hour extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26 in the following areas:
- The Humpy-Deadman, Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District;
- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and,
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District.

As Previously Announced:
The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 24:
- The 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 Sheratin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, and Uganik Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Dog Salmon Flats section of the Alitak District;
- The Afognak District (except the Southwest Afognak Section and Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock remain open);
- The Big River, Hallo Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Dakavak Bay, Katmai, and Alinchak Bay sections of the Mainland District north of the latitude of Cape Kekernoi (57° 43.50’ N lat.);
- The Eastside Kodiak District; and
- The Northeast Kodiak 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).

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Within the Alinchak 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 Alinchak River (stream #262-651), Little Alinchak River (stream #262-652).

The following areas remain open until further notice:
  - The Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District, north of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58’ N lat., 152° 17.36’ W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90’ N lat., 152° 06.77’ W long.).

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.

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