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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03 **For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-Sub-03-21**

Only 800 Chinook salmon have been counted through the Karluk River weir as of June 20. It is unlikely, based on the current rate of escapement, that the lower value (3,000) of the escapement goal for Karluk River Chinook salmon will be achieved.

Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken in the commercial salmon fishery, may not be retained and must be returned to the water unharmed. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sportfish closed fishing for Chinook salmon in the Karluk Lake drainage.

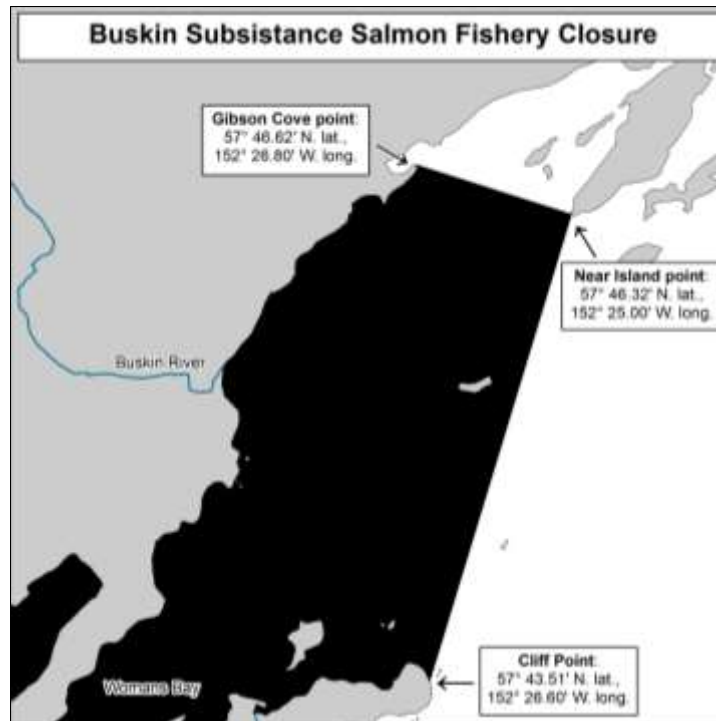
In an effort to conserve Karluk River, effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, until 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 31, 2021, Chinook salmon in the Karluk River drainage, including the Karluk River lagoon, may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.

Chinook salmon escapement into the Karluk River system will continue to be monitored daily. Subsistence salmon fishing opportunities may be adjusted based on changes in the run strengths. If the Karluk River Chinook salmon run sufficiently improves, the subsistence fishing restriction could be lifted to provide additional opportunity.

As Previously Announced:

To conserve Buskin Lake sockeye salmon, the following is also **closed** to subsistence salmon fishing until **12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 14:**

- **At 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 Water Adjustments

Until further notice, closed waters are **reduced** for subsistence fishing in the following locations:

- At Saltery Creek (stream #259-415) to the stream terminus; and,
- At Ouzinkie Harbor to the stream terminus of stream #259-396.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.