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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #11 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-11-21

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday**, June 29 until 9:00 p.m. **Thursday**, July 1 in the following areas:

• The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District.

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> are scheduled to begin in the **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA)** at **12:01 a.m. Monday, June 28** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain <u>closed</u> 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.

As previously Announced:

The following areas remain open to commercial salmon fishing until further notice:

- The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Inner and Outer Upper Station Sections of the Alitak District;
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and,
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are currently **reduced** until further notice in the following locations:

- In **Inner Upper Station Section** of the **Alitak District**. Waters will remain open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304);
- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406); and
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821).

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area (including the Mainland District) until further notice, 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.

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 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: <u>https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/</u>.