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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #14 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-14-21

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8** in the **Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **increased** from **noon Tuesday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8** in the **Inner Ayakulik Section** and includes those waters within **500 yards** of the stream mouth of the **Ayakulik River** (stream # 256-201).

As previously Announced:

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 9** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section will remain closed); and
- The **Afognak District** (except the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will remain closed).

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8** in the **Mainland District**.

Through **12:01 a.m. July 6**, fishermen are reminded that in the **Kodiak Area 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.

After **12:01 a.m. July 6**, **until further notice**, within the Kodiak Area only 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 fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, in period closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:00 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

The following areas currently open until further notice and will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 9:**

- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area:** and
- The **Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.**

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are currently **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9:**

- 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).

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

- The **Outer Ayakulik Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;** and
- The **Inner** and **Outer Upper Station Sections** of the **Alitak District.**

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are currently **reduced** until further notice in **Inner Upper Station Section** of the **Alitak District** and waters will remain open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304).

Cost recovery fisheries have begun in the **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA)** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain **closed 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.

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