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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #15 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-15-21

There will be a **24-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 9** until **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10** in the following areas:

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

The **Inner and Outer Upper Station Sections** of the **Alitak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are currently **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10** in **Inner Upper Station Section** of the **Alitak District** and waters will remain open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304).

As previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 8:**

- The **Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**; and
- The **Mainland District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **increased** until **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:

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 9:**

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section remains closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section remains closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section remains closed); and
- The **Afognak District** (except the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections remain closed);
- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area**; and
- The **Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area**.

The **Outer Ayakulik Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District** will remain **open** to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**.

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).

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 fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod 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.

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/>.