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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #17 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-17-21

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 13 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 16** in the **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

As previously Announced:

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 10 until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13** in the following areas:

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

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 13 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 16** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Afognak District** (except the Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will remain closed).

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 13 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15** in the **Mainland District**.

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

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/>.