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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #22 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-22-21

The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Tuesday, July 20** and **remain until further notice.**

There will be a **105-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 20** to **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The **Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The **Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District**.

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 20** to **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 23** in the following areas:

- The **Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, Duck Bay, and Southeast Afognak Sections** of the **Afognak District**.
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed); and
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 20** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22** in the **Mainland District**.

As previously Announced:

The **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** remains **open until further notice.**

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.

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.

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/>.