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## Advisory Announcement

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### KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #23 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-23-21

The **Seaward Zones** of the **Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections** of the **Mainland District** and the Seaward Zones of the **Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections** of the **Afognak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22.**

#### As previously Announced:

The Mainland District will **close** as scheduled at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22.**

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 23:**

- 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 **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed); and
- The **Eastside Kodiak District.**

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24:**

- 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.**

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

- The **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District;** and
- **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** (Telrod Cove).

#### Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fisheries:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the Southwest Afognak, and Cape Igvak Sections of 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/>.