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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #27 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-27-21

There will be a **33-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday, August 6 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7** in the **Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**. (Waters will be open to the stream terminus of Ayakulik River (stream # 256-201)).

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 6:**

- The **Izhut Bay Section south of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.); and
- The **Outer Kitoi Section of the Afognak District**.

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 6:**

- 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 remains closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Mainland District** (except the Inner Kukak Bay Section remains closed).

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7:**

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

As previously Announced:

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

- The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** (Telrod Cove); and
- The **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.).

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/>.