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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #31 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-31-21

There will be a **48-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period in 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.) from **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 11** until **9:00 p.m. Friday August 13**.

As previously Announced:

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.) will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Wednesday August 11**.

There will be a **105-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 11** to **9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 15** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District**;
- The **Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**; and
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District**; and,
- The **Sitkalidak, Two-Headed, and Seven Rivers Sections of the Eastside Kodiak District**.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 11** to **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 13** in the following areas:

- The **Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, Duck Bay, and Southeast Afognak Sections of the Afognak District**.
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The **Inner and Outer Ugak Bay Sections of the Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Mainland District** (except the Inner Kukak Bay Section will remain closed).

The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** (Telrod Cove) remains **open** to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**:

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 8. Fishing opportunities in the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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/>.