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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #37 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-37-21

There will be a **96-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 20**, until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24** 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**;
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District**;
- The **Sitkalidak, Two-Headed, and Seven Rivers Sections of the Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**.

There will be a **30-hour** commercial salmon fishing period in the **Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District** from **noon Friday, August 20** until **6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 21**.

As previously Announced:

The current commercial salmon fishing period in **Inner Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District** will **close** at **6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19**. (Waters will be open to the stream terminus of Ayakulik River stream# 256-201).

The current commercial salmon fishing period in **Mainland District** will **close** at **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 20**.

Closed Water Adjustment:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** at **Humpy Cove, to the stream terminus of Humpy Creek** (stream #257-701), and stream #257-703.

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/>.