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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #43 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-43-21

The following areas will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Monday, August 30** and remain open **until further notice**.

- The **Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections** of the **Afognak District**.

There will be a **30-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday, August 30** until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31** in the **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

Closed water adjustments:

From **noon Monday, August 30** until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31**, closed waters within the **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** will be the ADF&G markers at **Little Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-323) and closed waters are **increased** to the ADF&G markers placed by hatchery staff near **Big Kitoi Creek** (stream # 252-324).

As previously announced:

The following areas are **currently scheduled** to close at **6:00 p.m. Monday, August 30:**

- The **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Southwest Afognak Section** of the **Afognak District**;
- The **Outer Ayakulik and Outer Karluk Sections** 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**.

Closed water adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** in **Deadman Bay** of the **Humpy-Deadman Bay Section** of the **Alitak District** until **6:00 p.m. Monday, August 30** to those waters within **500 yards** of salmon streams **#257-502, 257-503, and 257-504**.

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

Cost recovery fisheries have begun in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA). Fishing opportunities in the 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/>.