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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #45 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-45-21

There will be a **78-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, September 1 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 4** in the **Inner Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**. (Closed waters will be as described in regulation).

As previously announced:

The following areas will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Tuesday, August 31**, and remain **open until further notice**:

- **The Sturgeon and Halibut Bay Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.**

The **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 31**.

Closed water adjustments:

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).

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

- **The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;**
- **The Northwest Kodiak District;**
- **The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District;**
- **The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District; and**
- **The Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections of the Afognak District.**

The following areas will **open** to commercial salmon fishing for **78-hours from noon Thursday, September 2 until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 5**.

- **The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;**
- **The Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District;**
- **The Sitkalidak, Two-Headed, and Seven Rivers Sections of the Eastside Kodiak District; and**
- **The Northeast Kodiak District.**

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/>.