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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #53 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-53-21

The following areas will **open** to commercial salmon fishing for **78 hours** from noon Wednesday, September 22 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 25:

- The **Outer Ayakulik Section** and **Inner Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District** (Closed waters will be as described in regulation);
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**;
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**;
- The **Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay Sections** of the **Afognak District**;
- The **Mainland District**; and
- The **Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections** of the **Northwest Kodiak District**.

As previously announced:

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

- The **Sturgeon, Halibut Bay and Outer Karluk Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Central and North Cape Sections** of the **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The **Izhut Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections** of the **Afognak 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/>.