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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #18 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-18-22

The Seaward Zones of the Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District and the Seaward Zones of the Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District will close to commercial salmon fishing at **1:00 p.m. Friday, July 22.**

As previously Announced:

The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 22:**

- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District;**
- The **Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;** and,
- The **Mainland District.**

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 23:**

- The **Outer Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;**
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay, Uyak Bay, and Zachar Bay Sections remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District;**
- The **Eastside Kodiak District;** and
- The **Afognak District** (except the Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi, and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections remain open until further notice).

The following areas remain open until further notice:

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

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** in **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324).

Fishermen are reminded that, 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.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the Southwest Afognak, and Cape Igvak Section, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:00 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

Cost recovery fisheries have begun in the **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA)** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain **closed to common property fishing**. Fishery opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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.