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## Advisory Announcement

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### **KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #14 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-14-23**

There will be a **48-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8 until 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10** in the **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

There will be a **33-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Sunday, July 9 until 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10** in the **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

#### **As previously announced:**

The following areas will close at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 9:**

- 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 will close at **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10:**

- The **Outer Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section remains closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section remains closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except that portion of Pasagshak Bay northeast of a line from a point at 57°26.04' N lat. 152°31.13' W long. to a point at 57°25.44' N lat. 152°29.39' W long, remains closed);
- The **Afognak District** (except Inner Kitoi Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections remain closed).
- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area**; and,
- The **Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area**.

**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 salmon 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 North Shelikof Strait area (**including the 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.

**Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters for Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) are normal closed waters as described in regulation from until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10.**

Closed waters are currently **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10:**

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406); and,
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821).

**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.