

Division of Commercial Fisheries  
Sam Rabung, Director

Headquarters Office  
PO Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526



Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526  
www.adfg.alaska.gov

## Advisory Announcement

**CONTACT:** James Jackson, Area Biologist  
Brad Fuerst, Asst. Area Biologist  
Todd Anderson, Asst. Area Biologist  
Tracy Pedersen, Fishery Biologist  
(907) 486-1830

**Released: 8:30 a.m. July 15, 2023**

### **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 **11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15.**

There will be a **48-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15** until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17** in the following areas:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

#### **As previously Announced:**

The Mainland District will close to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15.**

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17:**

- The Duck Bay and Izhut Bay Sections of the Afognak District.

The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17:**

- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The Northeast Kodiak District (except the Buskin River Section will remain 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, will remain closed); and,
- The Afognak District (except the Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections remain closed; and the Duck Bay and Izhut Bay Sections are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Monday July 17).

The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area remains open until further notice.

#### **Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters for SALTERY Creek (stream # 259-415) are the normal closed waters as described in regulation until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17.**

Until further notice, within the Kodiak Area only 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 Cape Igvak, and Southwest Afognak Sections 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.

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.