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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #20 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-20-23

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday, July 18 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20** in the **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

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

As previously Announced:

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday, July 17 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20** in the **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20** in the following areas:

- 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 **Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- 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 **Southeast Afognak, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak Sections** of the **Afognak District**.

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** **closed** to commercial salmon fishing at **11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15**.

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.