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# **Advisory Announcement**

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

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Saturday**, **July 29** to **9:00 p.m. Monday**, **July 31** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Uyak Bay, Zarchar Bay, and Inner Uganik Bay Sections will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The Eastside Kodiak District:
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Altiak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District;
- The **Afognak District**; and
- The **Mainland District**.

#### Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be <u>reduced</u> to the stream terminus of Saltery Creek (stream #259-415) from **noon Saturday**, **July 29** to **9:00 p.m. Monday**, **July 31**.

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).

### **Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:**

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Southwest Afognak Section</u> of the <u>Afognak District</u> will <u>reopen</u> at <u>noon Saturday</u>, <u>July 29</u>.

#### As previously Announced:

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the <u>Mainland District</u> and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island sections</u> of the <u>Afognak District</u> remain <u>closed.</u>

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

<u>Until further notice</u>, 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.

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of 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.

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.