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# **Advisory Announcement**

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## KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #24 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-24-23

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 31 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 3 in the following areas:

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

#### As previously Announced:

The following areas will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 31:

- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Uyak Bay, Zarchar Bay, and Inner Uganik Bay Sections remain closed);
- The Northeast Kodiak District (except the Buskin River Section remains closed);
- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Altiak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District;
- The Duck Bay, Southeast Afognak, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak Sections of the Afognak District; and
- The Mainland District.

## Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> to the stream terminus of Saltery Creek (stream #259-415) until 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 Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District <u>reopened</u> at noon Saturday, July 29.

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