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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #31 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-31-23

There will be a **54-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday, August 17 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 19** in the following areas:

- The **Southeast Afognak, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Shuyak Island Sections of the Afognak District;**
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District;** and
- The **Mainland District.**

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 16 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 19** in the following areas:

- The **Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, and Northeast Afognak Sections of the Afognak District;**
- The **Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, and Outer Karluk Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;**
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Uyak Bay and Inner Uganik Bay Sections will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District;** and
- The **Eastside Kodiak District.**

As previously Announced:

There will be a **54-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 16 until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 18** in the following areas.

- The **Duck Bay Section** and the **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.) of the Afognak District.**

The **Inner Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 16.** (Closed waters will be the normal closed waters as described in regulation).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **expanded** **until further notice**, in that portion in the **Southwest Afognak Section** of the **Afognak District**, within one-half nautical mile of the beach near the terminus of Malina Creek (stream #252-105) between 58° 10.00' N lat. and 58° 11.00' N lat.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 5. Fishing opportunities in the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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.

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.