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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #36 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-36-23

The Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District will now open to commercial salmon fishing for 78 hours from noon Wednesday, August 23 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26.

There will be a 54-hour commercial salmon fishing period from noon Thursday, August 24 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26 in the following areas:

- The Inner Karluk Section of the of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Izhut Bay, Northwest Afognak and Raspberry Strait Sections of the Afognak District;
- The Mainland District; and
- The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District.

The following areas will be extended from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24 until further notice:

- The Northeast Kodiak District:
- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District; and
- The Southwest Afognak and Northeast Afognak Sections of the Afognak District.

Closed water adjustment:

Closed waters are reduced from noon Thursday, August 24 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26 in the following area:

At Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101).

As previously announced:

The following areas are open to commercial salmon fishing until further notice:

- The Outer Ayakulik, Outer Karluk, Sturgeon, and Halibut Bay Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District: and
- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Uyak Bay and Inner Uganik Bay Sections will remain closed).

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.

<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.

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.