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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #37 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-37-23

There will be a **54-hour** commercial salmon fishing period in the **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** from **noon Thursday, August 24 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26.**

As previously announced:

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).

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.

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.