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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 21

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The current commercial salmon fishing period in the Western and Perryville Districts will be extended for 72 hours from **10:00 p.m. Friday, August 16 through 10:00 p.m. Monday, August 19** except for the Dorner Bay Section of the Western District which will remain closed. The Jack's Box area of the Central District will close as scheduled **10:00 p.m. Friday, August 16**.

As previously announced:

Commercial salmon fishing will be allowed for 112 hours beginning at **6:00 a.m. Monday, August 12 until 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 16** in the Chignik Bay District. The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Mensis Point.

Until further notice, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in all districts of the Chignik Management Area in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Closed waters:

Until further notice there are additional closed waters within the Chignik Bay District as follows: **in the Chignik Lagoon, waters within a box defined by corners at the points of 56° 18.04' N lat. 158° 35.16' W long., 56° 17'42' N lat. 158° 34.43' W long., 56° 17.34' N lat. 158° 35.22' W long., and 56° 17.41' N lat. 158° 35.37' W long.**

Permit holders are reminded that all other closed waters are as listed in regulation 5 AAC 15.350.

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As a reminder, a commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or during the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon>. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates. Escapement, harvest, and news release updates can also be heard on the Chignik commercial salmon message phone line by calling (907) 486-1839.

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