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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 25

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Commercial salmon fishing will be allowed for 112 hours beginning at **6:00 a.m. Monday, September 30 until 10:00 p.m. Friday, October 4** in the Chignik Bay, Central, Western, and Perryville Districts. The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Mensis Point.

Waters within the Chignik Bay District as follows are no longer closed: **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.**

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.

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

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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