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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #09 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-09-25

The Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 2.

As previously announced:

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> began in the Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, June 29 and the Spiridon Bay SHA will remain <u>closed</u> to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area remains open until further notice.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are reduced at Foul Bay to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406).

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area (including the Mainland District) until further notice, 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.

In response to the recent record-low Chinook salmon escapements in the Karluk River, commercial salmon fishing in the **Inner Karluk** and **Outer Karluk Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**, the **Northwest Kodiak District**, and the **Southwest Afognak Section** of the **Afognak District** <u>will remain closed</u> from **June 1** through **July 5**. Fishing will resume only after the Karluk River's early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal of 150,000 to 250,000 fish is exceeded.

In response to the recent record-low Chinook salmon escapements in the Ayakulik River, commercial salmon fishing in the **Inner Ayakulik**, **Outer Ayakulik**, and **Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District** <u>will remain closed</u> from **June 1** through **July 15**. Fishing will resume only after the Ayakulik River's early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal of 140,000 to 280,000 fish is exceeded.

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.