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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #16 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-16-25

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday**, July 16 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17 in the following areas:

- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The Halibut Bay Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are currently open to commercial salmon fishing until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17:

- The Northwest Kodiak District:
- The Northeast Kodiak District;
- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The **Afognak District**; and
- The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

The Mainland District is currently open to commercial salmon fishing until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17 in the following areas:

- In **Inner Kitoi Bay Section**, to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324); and
- At Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) to the stream terminus.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:00 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> have begun in the Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) 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.

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.

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.