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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 19 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-19-14

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Tuesday July 8**:

- The **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections which remain closed).

The following areas will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Thursday July 10**:

- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Northwest Kodiak District (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section which remains closed);
- The **Afognak District** (except the Inner Kitoi Bay, Outer Kitoi Bay, Izhut Bay and Duck Bay sections which remain closed);
- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Northeast Kodiak District;
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, and Dog Salmon Flats sections of the Alitak District;
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

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., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, 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.

To ensure **Chinook (king)** salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, **that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District** bounded by the latitude of **Spruce Cape** and the latitude of **Termination Point**, until **August 1**, **king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery** and must be returned to the water unharmed.

<u>Cost recovery fisheries</u> began in the **Telrod Cove Special Harvest Area (SHA)** and the **Telrod Cove SHA** will currently remain <u>closed</u> to common property fishing. Fishery opportunities in Telrod Cove will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are reduced **until 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 10** in the following areas:

- In the **Dog Salmon Flats Section**, to the ADF&G markers located at the stream termini of **Dog Salmon Creek** (stream #257-403) and **Horse Marine Lagoon** (stream #257-402).
- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821); and
- In **Afognak Bay** for <u>commercial fishing</u> to the ADF&G commercial salmon markers located at the lagoon outlet.

Closed waters will remain reduced in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for <u>subsistence fishing</u>, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.
- **In Afognak Bay** for <u>subsistence fishing</u> to the ADF&G commercial salmon markers located at the old bridge; and
- In Chiniak Bay, for <u>subsistence fishing</u>, at the Buskin River (stream # 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

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.