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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 20 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-20-14

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period, from **9:00** p.m. Thursday, July 10 to **9:00** p.m. Sunday, July 13 in the following area:

- The **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District** (all waters of Lower Olga Bay northeast of a line from 57° 06.38' N. lat., 154° 00.00 W. long., to the opposite shore at 57° 07.53' N. lat., 154° 03.00'W. long).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are reduced until 9:00 p.m. Sunday July 13 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).

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** 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, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District;

- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

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

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 <u>Telrod Cove Special Harvest Area</u> (SHA) and the <u>Telrod Cove SHA</u> 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 **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.