

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 31  
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-31-14**

The **Izhut Bay Section Afognak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31.**

The **Duck Bay Section Afognak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 1.**

Cost recovery fisheries are scheduled to begin in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 1. Fishing opportunities in the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

The following area currently open to commercial salmon fishing will be **extended until further notice** beginning at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31:**

- In **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** north of a latitude of Cape Hepburn (56° 57.5 N. lat); the remainder of the **Alitak District** will closed at **9:00 p.m. Thursday July 31.**

**Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters are reduced **until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31** in the following areas:

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

- In **Chiniak Bay**, for **subsistence fishing**, at the **Buskin River** (stream # 259-211) at the **exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline**.

**As Previously Announced:**

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Thursday July 31**:

- The **Alitak District** (except **Deadman Bay** north of a latitude of Cape Hepburn is open until further notice);
- The **Inner and Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, Sturgeon and Outer Karluk sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Afognak District** (except the Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections remain closed, the Izhut Bay Section closes Thursday, July 31 and the Duck Bay Section will close Friday August 1);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**.

The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** remains open until further notice.

**Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters are reduced **until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31** 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); and
- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) **Hearst Creek**, (stream # 259-414) and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream.

Closed waters are **increased** in Pasagshak Bay to those waters of Pasagshak Bay north of a line from a point at 57°26.04' N lat., 152°31.13' W long., to a point at 57°25.44' N lat., 152°29.39' W long., **until further notice** for both commercial and subsistence fishing.

In that **portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, 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.

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.

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.