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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 07 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-07-15

The following areas will be extended from 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 19 until further notice:

- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District:
- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and
- The Southwest and Southeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District.

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period, from 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 19 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 22 in the Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period, from **noon Sunday**, **June 21** to **9:00 p.m. Monday**, **June 22** in the following areas:

- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman Bay, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District;
- The Halibut Bay Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Inner Uganik Bay Section of the Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Northwest Afognak, Pauls Bay, and Perenosa Bay sections of the Afognak District; and
- The **Big River** and **Outer Kukak Bay sections** of the **Mainland District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will remain reduced from 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 19 until further notice:

- In **Afognak Bay** to the ADF&G commercial salmon markers located at Last Point and Rivermouth Point.

Closed waters will be **reduced** from **noon Sunday**, **June 21** until **9:00 p.m. Monday**, **June 22** in the following areas:

- At **Kaflia Creek** (stream #262-301) to the stream terminus; and
- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) to the stream terminus.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 20**:

- In Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections of the Afognak District.

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The **Duck Bay** and **Izhut Bay sections** of the **Afognak District** (the Inner Kitoi and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will close at 9:00 p.m. June 20);
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area, 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.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will remain **reduced** in the following locations:

- 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);
- In **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324).

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.