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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 26 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-26-15

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00** p.m. Wednesday, July 29 until **9:00** p.m. Saturday, August 1 in the following areas:

- The Outer Karluk and Sturgeon sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay, and Dog Salmon Flats sections of the Alitak District.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29:

- The **Duck Bay Section**; and
- The **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to **Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77').

Cost recovery fisheries are scheduled to begin in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on July 31. 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.

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday**, **July 30** until **9:00 p.m. Saturday**, **August 1** in the **following areas**:

- The Outer Avakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District**:
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Perensoa Bay, and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District;
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**: and
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except that portion of Pasagshak Bay northeast 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. remains **closed**); and
- The **Mainland District**.

Closed waters remain **reduced** until **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29** at **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) to the stream terminus.

The following area will remain open to commercial salmon fishing <u>until further notice</u>:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area;

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 in that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, until further notice.

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.