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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 34
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-34-15**

There will be a **96-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22 until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday August 26** in the **Inner Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**. (Waters will be open to normal closed waters as described in regulation.)

As Previously Announced:

The following areas **will remain open** to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**:

- The **Northeast Kodiak District**;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- 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. will remain closed);
- The **Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Northeast Afognak, Southeast Afognak, and Raspberry Strait sections of the Afognak District**;
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section of the Alitak District**;
- The **Outer Karluk, Sturgeon, Halibut Bay, and Outer Ayakulik sections of the Southwest Kodiak District**; and
- The **Mainland District**.

Cost recovery fisheries began on July 31 in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA). 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.

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.