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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 37
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-37-15**

The **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will open to commercial salmon fishing for **4 hours** when a flare is launched by hatchery staff at approximately **Noon Saturday August 29 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday August 29**.

Closed waters will be reduced to the stream terminus of **Little Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-323) and increased to the ADF&G markers at **Big Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-324).

The **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will open to commercial salmon fishing at **Noon Saturday August 29** and will remain open **until further notice**.

The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing at **6:00 p.m. Monday August 31**:

- The **Northeast Kodiak District**;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**;
- The **Mainland District**;
- The **Northwest Afognak, Northeast Afognak, Southeast Afognak, and Raspberry Strait**, sections of the **Afognak District**; and
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

As Previously Announced:

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

- The **Northwest Kodiak District**;

- The **Southwest Afognak, Izhut Bay, and Duck Bay Sections** of the **Afognak District**; and
- The **Outer Karluk, Sturgeon, Halibut Bay, and Outer Ayakulik sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**.

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.