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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 08 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-08-16

There will be a <u>24-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period, from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 22 to 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 23 in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District.

As Previously Announced:

The Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 22.

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

- 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 be reduced from noon Tuesday, June 21 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 22:

- The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Central, North Cape, and Inner Uganik Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District.

The following areas are currently **open until further notice**:

- The **Southeast Afognak**, **Duck Bay**, and **Izhut Bay sections** of the **Afognak District** (the Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections are now scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 22);
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area <u>until further notice</u>, 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 are also currently **reduced** in the following locations:

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