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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 01

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is aware of recent advertisements in the *Kodiak Daily Mirror* claiming that a federal regulation, 25 CFR 241.5, allows native inhabitants of the native village of Karluk and its vicinity to commercially fish without a license in certain waters of the Kodiak Area, and that the same regulation prohibits fishing activities by other persons in those waters that restrict or interfere with fishing by natives. The advertisements claim there is “no trespassing” on the “Karluk Indian Reservation.”

The Department of Fish and Game has conferred with the Department of Law regarding this old federal regulation. The “Karluk Indian Reservation” was revoked in 1971 by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), 43 U.S.C. § 1618(a), and there is no longer legal authorization for the cited regulation. Accordingly, the Department of Law advises that 25 CFR 241.5 is not valid or enforceable by federal authorities. Fishing in the Kodiak Area is regulated by the State of Alaska, and all persons commercially fishing within the Kodiak Area are subject to all applicable state statutes, regulations, and emergency orders.