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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 02 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-02-17

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period, from **9:00** p.m. Sunday, June 4 to **9:00** p.m. Wednesday, June 7 in the following areas:

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

As Previously Announced:

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

- The Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District; and
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 4:

The Uyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Terror Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Sheratin Bay, and Anton Larsen Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District.

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area (Area K) beginning at noon Thursday, June 1, until further notice, 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 **reduced** in the following locations **until further notice**:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- 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.