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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 08 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-08-17

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 23 to 12:01 a.m. Sunday, June 25 in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District.

There will be a <u>48-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period in the Inner Ugak Section of the Eastside Kodiak District from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, June 22 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced** from **noon Wednesday**, **June 21** to **9:00 p.m. Saturday**, **June 24** at **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) to the stream terminus.

As Previously Announced:

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

- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Section is extended until 9:00 p.m. Saturday June 24);
- 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.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m.** Wednesday, June 21:

- The Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections of the Afognak District.

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

- The Inner and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Duck Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District; and
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area.

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area (Area K) <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 will be **reduced** from **noon Wednesday**, **June 21** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **June 22** at **Kaflia Creek** (stream #262-301) to the stream terminus.

Closed waters are **reduced** in the following locations <u>until further notice</u> in **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406).

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.