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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 12
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-12-17**

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8** in the **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections will remain closed).

There will be a **105-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10** in the following areas:

- The **Uyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Terror Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Sharatin Bay, and Anton Larsen Bay** sections of the **Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak** sections of the **Afognak District**;
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**; and
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10**:

- 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 Section** of the **Afognak District**; and
- The **Foul Bay Special Harvest Area**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** from **noon Thursday, July 6 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10**:

- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) **Hearst Creek**, (stream # 259-414) and **Rough Creek** (stream # 259-416) in **Saltery Cove** to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.

Closed waters are **reduced until 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 10** in **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406).

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

Through **12:01 a.m. July 6**, fishermen are reminded that in the entire **Kodiak Area (Area K) 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.

After **12:01 a.m. July 6, until further notice**, within the Kodiak Area only that **portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, 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.

As Previously Announced:

Cost recovery fisheries began in the **Spiridon Bay (Telrod Cove) Special Harvest Area (SHA) at noon Wednesday, June 28** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain **closed to common property fishing**. Fishery opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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.