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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 15

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The **Chignik Bay, Central, Western and Perryville districts** of the Chignik Management Area will open to commercial salmon fishing for **approximately 50 hours beginning at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2 until 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 4.** The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Humes Point.

Closed waters adjustments:

In **Dorner Bay section of the Western District:** those waters located northeast of a line at 56° 02.22 N. lat., 158° 35.32 W. long. to 56° 01.11 N. lat., 158° 38.44 W. long. (statistical areas 273-81, 273-82 and 273-84) will be closed to commercial salmon fishing.

Through 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 1, a total of 985 Chinook (king) salmon have passed through the Chignik River weir. The escapement goal for Chignik River king salmon is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. To ensure that the escapement goal is achieved the following management actions are necessary.

In the **Central District** of the Chignik Management Area, beginning at **2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 1 Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained** for sale or home pack in the commercial salmon fishery **until further notice** and must be returned to the water unharmed.

As previously announced:

In the **Chignik Bay District** of the Chignik Management Area, **Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained** for sale or home pack in the commercial salmon fishery **until further notice** and must be returned to the water unharmed.

As a reminder, commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or during the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon> and by calling the 24-hour record-a-phone at 845-2235. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.

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