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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 17

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The current commercial salmon fishing period in the Chignik Bay, Central, Western and Perryville districts will be extended for 48 hours from 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 9 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 11. The Chignik Lagoon markers will remain at Humes Point.

Additionally, those waters currently closed to commercial salmon fishing within the **Dorner Bay Section of the Western District** and the **Eastern District** will **open** will open to commercial salmon fishing for **48 hours** beginning at **11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 9** until **11:59 p.m. Friday, August 11**. All closed waters around stream terminuses are as listed in regulation 5 AAC 15.350.

As previously announced:

In the Chignik Bay and Central districts of the Chignik Management Area, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length <u>may not be retained</u> 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.

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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.