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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 35 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-35-17

There will be a <u>54-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period **from noon Wednesday**, **September 6 to 6:00 p.m. Friday**, **September 8** in the **Inner Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced** in the **Inner Karluk Section** to **Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline** (stream #255-101) from **noon Wednesday, September 6 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 8**.

As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>78-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from noon Tuesday, September 5 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 8 in the Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 6:**

- The Mainland District;
- The Southeast Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay sections of the Afognak District;
- The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District;

- 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: and.

-The Eastside Kodiak District.

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 8:

- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District; and,
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are reduced <u>until further notice</u> at Humpy Cove, to the stream terminus of Humpy Creek (stream # 257-701), and stream # 257-703.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 5. Fishing opportunities in the Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

<u>Until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear and must be returned to the water unharmed within the portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk.

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.