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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-03-18

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period, from 9:00 p.m. Saturday, June 16 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 in the following areas:

- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District.

There will be an <u>81-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period, from **noon Saturday, June 16** to **9:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19** in the following area:

The Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District.

As Previously Announced:

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The following areas will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 15:

- The Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Northwest Afognak, Pauls Bay, and Perenosa Bay sections of the Afognak District;
- 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; and
- The **Big River** and **Outer Kukak Bay sections** of the **Mainland District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are currently reduced until 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 15 in the following areas:

- At **Kaflia Creek** (stream #262-301) to the stream terminus;

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- At **Saltery Creek** (stream # 259-415) to the stream terminus.

The following areas will remain open to commercial salmon fishing until further notice:

- The Inner Kitoi, Outer Kitoi, Duck Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District;
- The Foul Bay Special Harvest Area; and,
- The Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Area.

Fishermen are reminded that in the Kodiak Area (including the Mainland District) until further notice, 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 are currently **reduced** in the following locations:

- In **Foul Bay** to the stream terminus at Hidden Lake Creek (stream #251-406);
- In **Waterfall Bay** to the stream terminus at Little Waterfall Creek (stream #251-822) and to the stream terminus at Big Waterfall Creek (stream #251-821); and,
- In **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324).

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.