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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT #06 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-06-18

The Inner Kitoi Bay Section of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 22.

As Previously Announced:

The **Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District** will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, June 21**.

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period, from **noon Thursday**, **June 21** to **9:00 p.m. Friday**, **June 22** in the following areas:

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

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced** from **noon Thursday**, **June 21** until **9:00 p.m. Friday**, **June 22** in the following areas:

- At **Kaflia Creek** (stream #262-301) to the stream terminus;
- At **Saltery Creek** (stream #259-415) to the stream terminus.

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

- The Outer Kitoi 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.