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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT #17
For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-17-18**

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday, July 19 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 21** in the following areas:

- The **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay** sections of the **Alitak District**.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday, July 23 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25** in the following areas:

- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Central, North Cape, Uyak Bay, Spiridon Bay, Terror Bay, Sharatin Bay, and Anton Larsen Bay** sections of the **Northwest Kodiak District** (the Kizhuyak Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, and Zachar Bay sections will remain closed);
- **Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay** sections of the **Afognak District**;
- The **Mainland District** (except the Wide Bay and Cape Igvak sections will remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Uyak Bay Section and that portion of Pasagshak Bay northeast of a line from a point at 57°26.04' N lat. 152°31.13' W long. to a point at 57°25.44' N lat. 152°29.39' W long, will remain closed); and
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed).

Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:

Short notice, inperiod closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area, as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:30 p.m., on Single Side Band frequency 3.230 MHz and VHF channel 6.

As Previously Announced:

The **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon, Wednesday, July 18**, and will remain **open until further notice**.

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

- The **Izhut Bay Section**.

Until further notice, in that **portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, 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.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Spiridon Bay (Telrod Cove) Special Harvest Area (SHA) on Friday, June 29 and the Spiridon Bay SHA will remain closed to common property fishing. Fishing opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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.