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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT #48 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-48-18

The current commercial salmon fishing period in the **Inner Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District** will be **extended** from **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19** and remain **open until further notice.** Closed waters will remain as described in regulation.

There will be a <u>54-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday**, **September 21** to **6:00 p.m. Sunday**, **September 23** in the following areas:

- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak 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:
- The Southeast Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District;
- The **Big River** and **Hallo Bay sections** of the **Mainland District**; and,
- The **Eastside Kodiak District.**

As Previously Announced:

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

- The Outer Karluk, Halibut Bay, and Sturgeon sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.
- The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District;

- The Duck Bay and Southwest Afognak sections of the Afognak District; and,
- The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District.

<u>Until further notice</u>, in that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts, south of a 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.

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.