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YOUTH ONLY FISHING DAY AT THE HOMER SPIT, SATURDAY AUGUST 5

A portion of the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, formerly called the Homer Spit Fishin' Hole, will be open to fishing only by youths 15 years of age and younger on Saturday, August 5, from 12:01 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. The youth-only fishing area will be posted. The remainder of the Fishing Lagoon will be open to fishing to all anglers of any age.

The ADF&G Mobile Aquatic classroom, Fish and Game staff and volunteers will be on hand from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to conduct free educational activities and assist kids. Activities will include fish dissections, egg loop and fishing knot tying lessons, catch and release demonstrations, information about halibut and rockfish and more.

All other sport fishing regulations remain in effect for the Fishing Lagoon. The daily bag and possession limit is 6 silver salmon of any size. The lagoon area is closed to snagging until further notice.

Youth fisheries were established by the Alaska State Legislature and implemented by the Alaska Board of Fisheries to provide special opportunity for young people to catch fish. The final Youth Fishing Day at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon in 2006 will be Saturday, August 19.

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