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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #20 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-20-21

The **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will close to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17.**

As previously Announced:

The following areas will close at **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 16:**

- The **Outer Ayakulik Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;**
- **The Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District;**
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District;**
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Kizhuyak Bay Section** which is closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the **Buskin River Section** which is closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District;** and
- The **Afognak District** (except the **Izhut and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections** remain open until further notice and the **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** closes 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17).

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The **Izhut Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections** of the **Afognak District.**

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **reduced** in **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324).

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.

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 8:00 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

Cost recovery fisheries have begun in the **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA)** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain **closed to common property fishing**. Fishery 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.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.