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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #19 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-19-23

There will be an <u>81-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday**, **July 17 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **July 20** in the **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Monday**, **July 17** until **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **July 20** in the following areas:

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

As previously Announced:

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay Section will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except 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 Southeast Afognak, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak Sections of the Afognak District.

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the <u>Mainland District</u> and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island sections</u> of the <u>Afognak District closed</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15.

The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area remains open until further notice.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters for Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) are the normal closed waters as described in regulation until **9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17.**

<u>Until further notice</u>, within the Kodiak Area only 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 Cape Igvak, and Southwest Afognak Sections 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.

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.