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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Announcement # 12 For E.O. 4-FS-L-10-23

The markers for the current commercial salmon fishing period in the Chignik Bay District will move from Mensis Point to the Chignik River weir markers located 100 yards downstream of the weir effective 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 26.

As previously Announced:

The current commercial salmon fishing period was extended **until 10:00 p.m. Friday, August 4** in the Chignik Bay District, Central District, and Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District.

The current commercial salmon fishing period was extended **until further notice** in the Eastern District, Western District excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, and Perryville District.

Fishermen are reminded that in accordance with the Chinook stock of concern action plan, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the Chignik Bay District, Central District, and Castle Cape Section of the Western District in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Permit holders are reminded that all closed waters are as listed in regulation 5 AAC 15.350.

As a reminder, a commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or during the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates. Escapement, harvest, and news release updates can also be heard on the Chignik commercial salmon message phone line by calling (907) 486-1839.