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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #35 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-35-23

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Monday, August 21** until **6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24** in the following areas:

- The **Northeast Kodiak District**;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**;
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The **Southwest Afognak** and **Northeast Afognak Sections** of the **Afognak District**.

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing as scheduled at **6:00 p.m. Monday, August 21**:

- The **Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Northwest Afognak, and Raspberry Strait Sections** of the **Afognak District**;
- **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The **Mainland District**.

There will be a **30-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 23** until **6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24** in the following areas:

- The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

As previously Announced:

The **Inner Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District** is **open** to commercial salmon fishing until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 22**.

The following areas are open to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**:

- The **Outer Ayakulik, Outer Karluk, Sturgeon, and Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**; and
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Uyak Bay** and **Inner Uganik Bay Sections** will remain closed).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 22** in the following area:

- At **Karluk Lagoon's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101).

Closed waters are **expanded until further notice**, in that portion in the **Southwest Afognak Section** of the **Afognak District**, within one-half nautical mile of the beach near the terminus of Malina Creek (stream #252-105) between 58° 10.00' N lat. and 58° 11.00' N lat.

Cost recovery fisheries began in the Kitoi Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA) on August 5. Fishing opportunities in the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs, and all cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

Until further notice, 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.

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.