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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Update # 01

The Chignik Chinook salmon run has failed to reach the established Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) of 1,300 to 2,700 fish in seven of the last eight years. Notably recent years have seen record lows with only 731 fish in 2022 and 267 fish in 2023.

Similar to the 2024 season, additional management actions will likely be instated to protect Chinook salmon if the run materializes as expected. Throughout July, the Chignik Bay District will be limited to no more than 48 hours of commercial salmon fishing openings per week. Nonretention of Chinook salmon over 28-inches will be in effect throughout the Chignik Management Area (CMA). Additionally, the CMA will have a cap on Chinook harvest. If more than 1,000 Chinook salmon are harvested within a 48-hour period, the Districts primarily responsible will be immediately closed for 7 days. If more than 5,000 Chinook Salmon are harvested throughout the season, the Districts primarily responsible will be immediately closed for the remainder of the season.

The Department will continuously monitor the Chignik Chinook salmon run. If it appears that the BEG will be reached, these additional management actions may be relaxed.

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