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## Advisory Announcement

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### **KODIAK SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #03 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-Sub-03-25**

Through June 16, 4,046 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Buskin Lake weir. Historically, about 30% of the total escapement occurs by this date. To prevent a higher than desired sockeye salmon escapement into Buskin River, closed waters will be **reduced** for subsistence fishing to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at Buskin River in the Northeast Kodiak District at **noon Wednesday, June 18 until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2025.**

**As previously announced:**  
**Closed Water Adjustments**

In the following areas, closed waters are **reduced** for subsistence fishing **until further notice:**

- At Saltery Creek (stream #259-415) to the stream terminus; and,
- At Ouzinkie Harbor to the stream terminus of stream #259-396.

Karluk River Chinook salmon escapements have experienced record lows over the past two seasons: only 379 fish in 2023 and 76 fish in 2024. These escapements are far below the established Biological Escapement Goal (BEG) range of 3,000 to 6,000 Chinook salmon.

Due to recent record low Chinook salmon escapements, it is not expected that the Karluk Chinook salmon BEG range of 3,000–6,000 fish will be achieved in 2025. The sport fishery in both the freshwater and saltwater near the Karluk Drainage is closed. The commercial seine fishery in the Kodiak area is restricted to nonretention of Chinook salmon 28-inches or greater in length prior to July 6. Commercial salmon fishing in the **Inner Karluk** and **Outer Karluk Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**, the **Northwest Kodiak District**, and the **Southwest Afognak Section** of the **Afognak District** **will remain closed** from **June 1** through **July 5**. Fishing will resume only after the Karluk River's early-run sockeye salmon escapement goal of 150,000 to 250,000 fish is exceeded.

**Until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, Chinook salmon in the Karluk River drainage, including the Karluk River lagoon, may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.**

The department will continue monitoring the Karluk Chinook salmon run through June and early July to determine if subsistence fishing for Karluk Chinook is justified.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska.

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