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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Advisory Announcement #13

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Commercial salmon fishing will be allowed for 24 hours, beginning at **11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 20 until 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 21** in the Chignik Bay District.

The Chignik Lagoon markers will be located at Mensis Point.

As previously announced:

The current commercial salmon fishing period in the Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville Districts will be extended for one week from **11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.**

Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the Central and Chignik Bay Districts of the Chignik Management Area in the commercial fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Additionally, in accordance with 5 AAC 39.265 all salmon, including Chinook (king) of all sizes, must be retained by purse seine gear in the Eastern, Western, and Perryville Districts.

Closed waters:

Until further notice there are additional closed waters within the Chignik Bay District as follows: **in the Chignik Lagoon, waters within a box defined by corners at the points of 56° 18.04' N lat. 158° 35.16' W long., 56°**

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17°42' N lat. 158° 34.43' W long., 56° 17.34' N lat. 158° 35.22' W long., and 56° 17.41' N lat. 158° 35.37' W long.

Permit holders are reminded that all other 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.

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