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Advisory Announcement

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Chignik Commercial Salmon Advisory Announcement #02

For E.O. 4-FS-L-2-26

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 and was designated as a Stock of Concern by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in February 2023. Although the 2025 escapement of 1,391 fish was within the BEG range, recent years have experienced record lows, including escapements of 731 fish in 2022 and 267 fish in 2023. To protect Chignik Chinook salmon, the department implemented additional conservation measures through Emergency Order (EO) authority in 2024 and 2025 and will continue those measures for the 2026 season.

Additional Chinook salmon protection for the 2026 commercial salmon fishing season include the Chinook Salmon Harvest Cap in **E.O. 4-FS-L-1-26**, which states: “Prior to July 31, if more than 1,000 Chinook salmon are harvested within a 48-hour period, the statistical areas determined by the department as primarily responsible will be immediately closed for 7 days.”

In addition, **if more than 5,000 Chinook salmon are harvested within a commercial fishing period, the statistical areas primarily responsible will be immediately closed through August 10.** Inner bay openings may be allowed to provide an opportunity to harvest surplus local pink and/or chum salmon stocks if Chinook salmon are determined to not be at risk.

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