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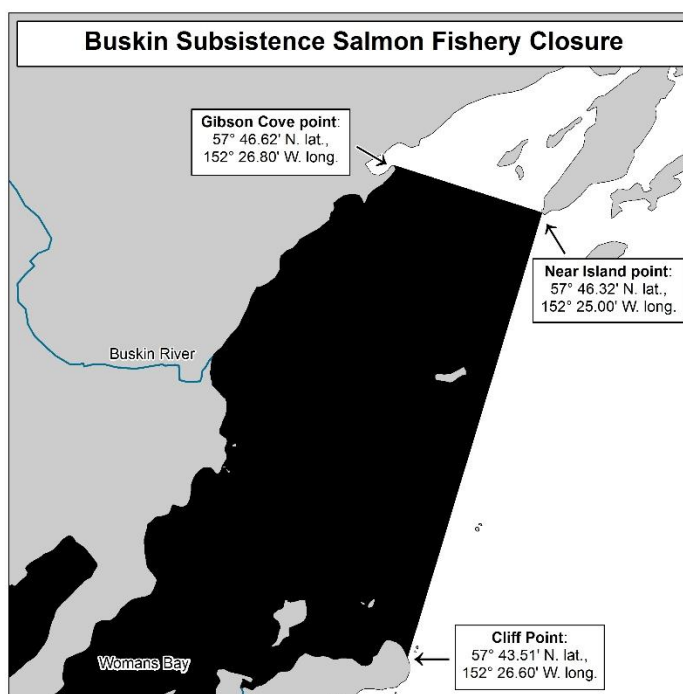
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KODIAK SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-Sub-03-26

Through June 21, only 916 sockeye salmon have been counted through the Buskin Lake weir. Historically by this date, approximately forty-three percent of the escapement has passed the weir. It is not expected that the Buskin Lake sockeye salmon escapement goal of 5,000–8,000 fish will be achieved. There will be no commercial salmon fishing in this area, and the sport fishery will also be restricted.

To conserve Buskin Lake sockeye salmon, the following area will **close** to subsistence salmon fishing at **12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 24** until **12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 15**:

- **At Buskin River:** all waters of Chiniak Bay bound by a line west from Cliff Point (57° 43.51' N. lat., 152° 26.60' W. long.) to the southern most tip of Near Island (57° 46.32' N. lat., 152° 25.00' W. long.) and south of a line from the southern most tip of Near Island (57° 46.32' N. lat., 152° 25.00' W. long.) to a point near Gibson Cove (57° 46.62' N. lat., 152° 26.80' W. long.).



As previously announced:

Closed Water Adjustments

Effective at **noon Thursday, June 11**, closed waters will be **reduced** for subsistence fishing **until further notice** in the following locations:

- 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 three seasons: only 379 fish in 2023, 76 fish in 2024, and 93 fish in 2025. 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 2026. The sport fishery in both the freshwater and saltwater near the Karluk River drainage is also 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 and further commercial salmon fishery restrictions are likely.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, May 7, until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, 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.