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Advisory Announcement For Immediate Release:

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Chignik Subsistence Salmon Fishery Announcement #1

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will not be distributing subsistence permits to local vendors during the 2020 salmon season. Due to the recent progression of Covid-19, ADF&G staff in Chignik will distribute subsistence permits by mail and email only. Prior to May 1st individuals seeking a subsistence permit should contact the Chignik Assistant Area Management Biologist Michelle Stratton at <u>michelle.stratton@alaska.gov</u> or 907-486-1815. After May 1st please contact the Chignik weir at 907-512-6731.

Due to the potential delay in issuing subsistence permits by mail, subsistence users in the Chignik area are permitted to subsistence fish without a permit as long as they have contacted the Area Management Biologist, Ross Renick, or the Assistant Area Management Biologist, Michelle Stratton, prior to subsistence fishing. Subsistence users will still be required to record all fish harvested for the entirety of the season and return permits to the address listed on the permit by December 31, 2020. Distribution by mail and email is an effort to limit person to person contact between individuals within the Chignik Management Area so that local vendors are not subject to additional contact.

To obtain further information, please contact Michelle Stratton at the Kodiak Fish and Game office at (907) 486-1815 or <u>michelle.stratton@alaska.gov</u>.

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