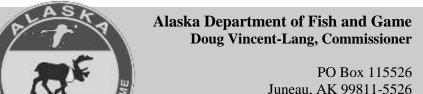
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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #12 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-12-20

There will be a <u>24-hour extension</u> to current commercial salmon fishing period from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 30 in the following areas:

- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>increased</u> until **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30** in **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** to all the waters of Deadman Bay, north of a latitude <u>of Cape Hepburn</u> (56° 57.5 N. lat.).

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday**, **July 29** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **July 30** in the following areas:

- The Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay and Northeast Afognak sections of the Afognak District.

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The Inner Kitoi Bay, Outer Kitoi Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District will be <u>extended</u> from 9:00 p.m. Thursday July 30 <u>until further notice.</u>

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>increased</u> from **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30 <u>until further notice</u>,** to the ADF&G markers placed by hatchery staff near **Big Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-324), and to the ADF&G markers at **Little Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-323).

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29** in the following areas:

- The **Big River**, **Hallo Bay**, **Outer Kukak Bay**, **Dakavak Bay** and **Katmai sections** of the **Mainland District**:
- The **Alinchak Bay Section** of the **Mainland District** north of the latitude of **Cape Kekernoi** (57° 43.50' N lat.).

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The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections of the Mainland District remain closed to commercial salmon fishing.

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30:**

- The Sturgeon, Inner Karluk and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed); and
- The Southwest Afognak and Duck Bay sections of the Afognak District.

Closed waters are **reduced** from until **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **July 30** in the following areas:

- To Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101);
- To Sturgeon Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #256-401).

As Previously Announced:

The following area remains open until further notice:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (Telrod Cove).

<u>Until further notice</u>, in that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350). Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates.