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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #17 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-17-20

The **Inner** and **Outer Kitoi Bay** sections of the **Afognak District** will close to commercial salmon fishing at **5:00 p.m. Monday, August 3.**

As Previously Announced:

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 5 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 7** in the following areas:

- The **Northeast Kodiak District**; and
- The **Seven Rivers** and **Two-Headed** sections of the **Eastside Kodiak District** south of a latitude of **Cape Kiavak** (57° 00.00 N. lat.).

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday, August 3 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5** in the following areas:

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

There will be a **105-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday, August 3 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 7** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed);
- The **Southwest Afognak**, **Southeast Afognak**, **Raspberry Strait**, **Northwest Afognak**, **Shuyak Island**, **Pauls Bay**, **Perenosa Bay**, **Northeast Afognak**, and **Duck Bay** sections of the **Afognak District**.); and
- The **Cape Alitak**, **Humpy-Deadman**, **Alitak Bay**, **Moser Bay**, and **Olga Bay** sections of the **Alitak District**.

The following area remains open until further notice:

- The **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**; and
- The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area** (Telrod Cove).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **increased until further notice**, 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).

Until further notice, 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>.