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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #21 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-21-20

The Inner Kitoi Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay sections of the Afognak District will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters remain **increased** until **9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 11** 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).

There will be a <u>33-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday**, **August 12** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **August 13** in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District** from **noon Wednesday**, **August 12** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **August 13** to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of **Dog Salmon Creek** (stream #257-403).

Closed waters will be <u>expanded</u> near Horse Marine Lagoon, from **noon Wednesday, August 12** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13** in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District**, east of a line bounded by a point from 57° 07.24' N lat., 154° 00.30' W long, to a point at 57° 06.495' N lat., 154° 00.30' W long, to a point at 57° 06.38' N lat., 154° 00.00' W long).

As Previously Announced:

There will be a <u>57-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday**, **August 11** to **9:00 p.m. Thursday**, **August 13** in the following areas:

- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District;
- The Shuyak Island and Pauls Bay sections of the Afognak District;
- The Northeast Kodiak District:
- The **Seven Rivers** and **Two-Headed sections** of **the Eastside Kodiak District** south of a latitude of **Cape Kiavak** (57° 00.00 N. lat.);
- 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 <u>Cape Kekernoi</u> (57° 43.50' N lat.).

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13**:

- The Outer Karluk and Outer Ayakulik 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 Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay sections of the Afognak District.

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District; and
- 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.