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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #23 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-23-20

The current commercial salmon fishing period in the **Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District**, south of a line **from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.) will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.**

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday, August 14 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16** in the following areas:

- The **Inner Ugak Bay, Outer Ugak Bay, Sitkalidak**, and **Two-Headed** sections of the **Eastside Kodiak District** north of a latitude of **Cape Kiavak** (57° 00.00 N. lat.).

There will be a **48-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 14 to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16** in the following areas:

- 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);
- The **Cape Alitak, Humpy Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, Olga Bay** and **Dog Salmon Flats** sections of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay** sections of the **Afognak 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.); and
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District** until **9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16** to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of **Dog Salmon Creek** (stream #257-403).

Closed waters will be **expanded** near Horse Marine Lagoon, until **9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 16** 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 **33-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday, August 13 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 14** in the following areas:

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- The **Inner Ayakulik, Inner Karluk, Sturgeon and Halibut Bay** sections of the **Southwest Kodiak District**.

Closed waters are **reduced** from **noon Thursday, August 13** to **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 14** in the following areas:

- To **Karluk Lagoon's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101);
- To **Ayakulik River's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #256-201);
- To **Sturgeon Lagoon's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #256-401).

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

- The **Shuyak Island and Pauls Bay** sections of the **Afognak 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.).

The following areas remain **open until further notice**:

- The **Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District**, north of a line from **Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to **Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.).
- The **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (Telrod Cove)**.

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>.