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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #24 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-24-20

There will be a **24-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Friday, August 14 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15** in the following areas:

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

Closed waters are **reduced** until to **9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15** 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).

As Previously Announced:

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).

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>.