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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #27 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-27-20

Special Note: Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559 is temporarily out of service and we hope to fix sometime this week.

The **Duck Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Tuesday, August 18** and remain **open until further notice**.

There will be a **72-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18** to **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21** 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, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed);
- The **Humpy Deadman** and **Dog Salmon Flats sections** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, and Northeast Afognak sections** of the **Afognak 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.); and
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close** at **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18**:

- 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.).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced** in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District** until to **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21** to the ADF&G markers located at the stream terminus of **Dog Salmon Creek** (stream #257-403).

Closed waters are **reduced** in the **Dog Salmon Flats Section** of the **Alitak District** until to **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21** to **Horse Marine Lagoon's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #257-402)

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.

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>.