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## Advisory Announcement

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### KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #29 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-29-20

There will be a **54-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, August 19** to **6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21** in the following areas:

- The **Inner Ayakulik Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**. Waters will be open to the stream terminus of Ayakulik River (stream #256-201); and
- 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.).

The **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Wednesday, August 19** and remain **open until further notice**.

#### **As Previously Announced:**

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

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**.

#### **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).

Within the **Alinchak Bay Section** of the **Mainland District**, closed waters are **reduced** to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline from **noon Tuesday, August 18 until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 21** in the following locations:

- Bear Bay Creek (stream #262-654), West Bear Creek (stream #262-656), Big Alinchak River (stream #262-651), Little Alinchak River (stream #262-652).

**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>.