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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #35 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-35-20

The Outer Kitoi Bay Section of the Afognak District will <u>open</u> to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Sunday**, August 30 and <u>remain open until further notice</u>.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will **close** at **6:00 p.m. Saturday**, **August 29**:

- The Inner Ayakulik, Outer Ayakulik, and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District:
- The Central, North Cape, Sheratin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, and Inner Uganik Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District:
- The **Afognak District** (except the Izhut Bay section remains open until further notice);
- The **Humpy-Deadman, Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay**, and **Olga Bay sections** of the **Alitak 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 Kekernoi** (57° 43.50' N lat.);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**: and
- The Northeast Kodiak District.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas remain open until further notice:

- The Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District.

<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