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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #37 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-37-20

There will be a **78-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Friday, September 4 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 7** in the **Outer Karluk Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**.

There will be a **48-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 7** in the following areas:

- The **Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District**; and,
- The **Humpy-Deadman, Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District**.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close at 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 4:**

- The **Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Afognak District** (except the Outer Kitoi Bay and Izhut Bay sections remain open until further notice; and the Inner Kitoi Bay Section remains closed); and,
- The **Mainland District**.

The following areas are currently scheduled to **close at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 5:**

- The **Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, and Inner Uganik Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District**;
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and,
- The **Northeast Kodiak District**.

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

- The **Outer Kitoi Bay and Izhut Bay Section of the Afognak District**.

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>.