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Advisory Announcement

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #25 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-25-21

There will be a **96-hour extension** to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 27** until **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31** in the following areas:

- The **Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay Sections** of the **Southwest Kodiak District**; and
- The **Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections** of the **Alitak District**.

There will be an **81-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, July 28** to **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Inner Uganik Bay Section will remain closed); and
- The **Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District**.

There will be a **57-hour** commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Wednesday, July 28** to **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 30** in the following areas:

- The **Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, Duck Bay, and Southeast Afognak Sections** of the **Afognak District**.
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Buskin River Section will remain closed);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District**; and
- The **Mainland District** (except the Inner Kukak Bay Section will remain closed).

The **Seaward Zones** of the **Alinchak Bay, Katmai, Dakavak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, Hallo Bay, and Big River sections** of the **Mainland District** and the Seaward Zones of the **Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections** of the **Afognak District** remain **closed** to commercial salmon.

As previously Announced:

The **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Sunday, July 25** and **remain until further notice**.

The following areas remain **open** to commercial salmon fishing **until further notice**:

- The **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**; and
- **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 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 Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.