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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #23 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-23-24

There will be a <u>54-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday**, August 20 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22 in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections will remain closed);
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District; and
- The Seven Rivers, Two-Headed, and Sitkalidak Sections of the Eastside Kodiak District (closed waters will be expanded in Kiliuda Bay to include all waters inside a line from Left Cape to Ermine Point).

#### Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters will be **expanded** in **Kiliuda Bay** to include all waters inside a line from Left Cape (57° 15.571' N lat; 152° 56.473' W long) to Ermine Point (57° 17.329' N lat; 152° 52.916' W long) from **noon Tuesday**, August 20 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 22.

Closed waters are expanded until further notice in that portion in the Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District to within one-half nautical mile of the beach near the terminus of Malina Creek (stream #251-105) between 58° 10.00' N lat. and 58° 11.00' N lat.

#### As previously announced:

There will be a **54-hour** commercial salmon fishing period in the **Inner Upper Station Section** of the **Alitak** District from noon Monday, August 19 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21. Closed waters will open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304).

There will be a 24-hour extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period in the Outer Upper Station Section of the Alitak District from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21.

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

The Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay Sections of the Alitak District.

Until further notice, in the Kodiak Area (including the Mainland District) 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.