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

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24 in the following areas:

- The **Inner Upper Station** and **Outer Upper Station Sections** of the **Alitak District** (Closed waters will open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304).

There will be a <u>54-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Thursday**, **August 22** to **6:00 p.m. Saturday**, **August 24** in the following areas:

- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**; and
- The Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, and Outer Karluk Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

There will be a <u>48-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **6:00 p.m.** Thursday, August 22 to **6:00 p.m.** Saturday, August 24 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 <u>expanded</u> in <u>Kiliuda Bay</u> 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) until **6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24.**

Closed waters are <u>expanded</u> 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:

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.

<u>Until further notice</u>, 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.