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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #25 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-25-24

There will be a <u>78-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period in the **Duck Bay** and **Southeast Afognak Sections** of the **Afognak District** from **noon Saturday**, **August 24** to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, **August 27**.

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27 in the following areas:

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

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. Tuesday, August 27.**

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.

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> until **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27** in the **Inner Upper Station Section** of the **Alitak District** to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304).

As previously announced:

The following areas remain open to commercial salmon fishing <u>until further notice</u>: 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.