Division of Commercial Fisheries Sam Rabung, Director

Headquarters Office PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526 www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

CONTACT: James Jackson, Area Biologist Brad Fuerst, Asst. Area Biologist Todd Anderson, Asst. Area Biologist Tracy Pedersen, Fishery Biologist (907) 486-1830

Released: 10:00 a.m. August 26, 2024

KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #26 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-26-24

There will be a <u>78-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period in the **Izhut Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** from **noon Tuesday**, **August 27** to 6:00 p.m. Friday, **August 30**.

There will be a <u>72-hour</u> extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27 to 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 30 in the following areas:

- The Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, and Outer Karluk Sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The Central and North Cape Sections of the Northwest Kodiak District; and
- The Southwest Afognak Section of the Afognak District.

As previously announced:

The following areas will close to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27:

- The Southeast Afognak and Duck Bay Sections of the Afognak District;
- The Terror Bay and Inner Uganik Bay Sections of the Northwest Kodiak 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 are open to the stream terminus of Olga Creek (stream #257-304)).

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.

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>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).

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.

<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.