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## Advisory Announcement

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### KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #16 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-16-22

The **Inner Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District** will **open** to commercial salmon fishing at **noon Sunday, July 17** and **remain open until further notice.**

#### **Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters will be **reduced** in **Kitoi Bay** to the ADF&G markers located in Little Kitoi and Big Kitoi bays (near stream #s 252-323 and 252-324).

#### **As previously Announced:**

The following areas will **close** to commercial salmon fishing at **9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 16:**

- The **Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, and Outer Karluk Section** of the **Southwest Kodiak District;**
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Kizhuyak Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, and Zachar Bay Sections will remain closed);
- The **Northeast Kodiak District;**
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except that portion of Pasagshak Bay northeast of a line from a point at 57°26.04' N lat. 152°31.13' W long. to a point at 57°25.44' N lat. 152°29.39' W long, will remain closed, and closed waters for Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415) are normal closed waters as described in regulation); and,
- The **Afognak District** (except the Izhut Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections will be extended until further notice).

The following areas remain **open** until further notice:

- The **Izhut Bay and Outer Kitoi Bay Sections** of the **Afognak District.**

Fishermen are reminded that, **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.

#### **Concerning the North Shelikof Strait Fishery:**

Short notice, in period closures may occur for seine fisheries in the Seaward Zones of the North Shelikof Strait area (**including the Cape Igvak Section**), as designated in the North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363). Closure announcements may occur at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., or 8:00 p.m. on VHF channel 6.

**Cost recovery fisheries** have begun in the **Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (SHA)** and the **Spiridon Bay SHA** will remain **closed to common property fishing**. Fishery opportunities in the Spiridon Bay SHA will be dependent on the ability to meet KRAA cost recovery needs. Cost recovery information can be obtained by calling 486-6559.

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.