



**KODIAK AREA
SUBSISTENCE FISHERY
NEWS RELEASE**



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The early-run of sockeye salmon into the Karluk River system appears to be of sufficient strength to reopen subsistence fishing above the Karluk River weir to sockeye salmon and all other species of salmon except Chinook salmon. If the Inner or Outer Karluk sections open to commercial salmon fishing, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken in the commercial salmon fishery, may not be retained and must be returned to the water unharmed.

In an effort to conserve Karluk River Chinook salmon, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Federal Subsistence Board will keep subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon closed in the Karluk River above the Karluk River weir.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Saturday June 21, 2008, subsistence fishing above the Karluk River weir will reopen to salmon fishing except that Chinook salmon subsistence fishing will remain closed.

Chinook salmon escapement into the Karluk River system will continue to be monitored daily. Subsistence salmon fishing opportunities for Chinook salmon may be adjusted based on changes in the run strengths. If the Karluk River Chinook salmon run sufficiently improves, the inriver subsistence fishing restriction could be lifted to provide additional opportunity.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, the Federal Subsistence Board assures a subsistence priority for

rural residents as provided by Title VIII of ANILCA.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations for waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing.

This news release and fishery restriction has been a coordinated action of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.