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June 19, 2017

SUBSISTENCE FISHING

SPECIAL ACTION

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Under Authority of: 50 CFR Part 100.10 and .19
36 CFR Part 242.10 and .19

Special Action Number: 09-KS-02-17

Issued at: Kodiak, Alaska. June 21, 2017

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2017, until 11:59 PM Sunday December 31, 2017, Chinook Salmon in the Karluk River drainage may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.

EXPLANATION: This Special Action closes the Federal public waters of the Karluk River under Federal subsistence fisheries jurisdiction to Federal subsistence fishing for Chinook (king) Salmon. Only 766 Chinook Salmon have been counted through the Karluk River weir as of June 18. It is unlikely, based on the current rate of escapement, that the lower value (3,000) of the escapement goal for Karluk River Chinook Salmon will be achieved.

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. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sportfish closed fishing for Chinook Salmon in the Karluk Lake drainage.

In an effort to conserve Karluk River Chinook Salmon, in accordance with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Federal Subsistence Board, Chinook Salmon in the Karluk River drainage may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

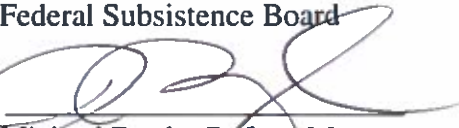
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REGULATION: 50 CFR Part 100.27 (e) (9) (v)(B) is amended to read: (B) In the remainder of the Kodiak Area not described in paragraph (e)(9)(v)(A) of this section, there is no

annual harvest limit for a subsistence Salmon fishing permit holder. Chinook (king) Salmon may not be harvested from the Federal public waters of the Karluk River or the submerged land and water of the Pacific Ocean (Sheliokof Strait) extending 3,000 feet from the shoreline between a point on the spit at the meander corner common to Sections 35 and 36 of Township 30 South, Range 33 West, and a point approximately 1¼ miles east of Rocky Point within Section 14 of Township 29 South, Range 31, West, Seward Meridian as described in Public Land Order 128, dated June 19, 1943; **effective at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017, Chinook Salmon in the Karluk River drainage may not be retained in the subsistence fishery unless superseded by a subsequent Special Action.**

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by delegation to


Micheal Brady, Refuge Manager
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Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

JUSTIFICATION:

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

DISTRIBUTION: Local radio station, Kodiak Daily Mirror, ADF&G Sport and Commercial Fishery Divisions, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, Afognak Native Corp., Kodiak Regional Advisory Council, Kodiak ADF&G Advisory Committee, Federal Subsistence Board, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Federal and State enforcement personnel.

