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SUBSISTENCE FISHING IN WOMENS BAY and BUSKIN RIVER ORIGIN COHO SALMON

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: 9-SS-03-19

Issued at: Kodiak, Alaska, October 03, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 AM, Thursday October 3, 2019

EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action rescinds SA 9-SS-02-19 and reopens the waters in Chiniak Bay that were closed to the take of Coho Salmon by that action.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(e)(9)(iii)(B) and 50 CFR 100.27(e)(9)(iii)(B) will read as originally published in the CFR: “*Buskin River closed waters—All waters inside of a line running from a marker on the bluff north of the mouth of the Buskin River at approximately 57°45.80' North latitude, 152°28.38' West longitude, to a point offshore at 57°45.35' North latitude, 152°28.15' West longitude, to a marker located onshore south of the river mouth at approximately 57°45.15' North latitude, 152°28.65' West longitude.*” This action is effective 12:01 AM on Thursday, October 03, 2019, unless superseded by a subsequent Federal special action.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

JUSTIFICATION: The biological escapement goal range for Coho Salmon in the Buskin Drainage is 4,700 to 9,600 fish. As of October 1st, the cumulative weir count for Coho Salmon is 5,037 fish which is within the escapement band of the current goal.

Through Section 816(b) of ANILCA, this Emergency Special Action (9-SS-03-19) reopens fishing for Coho Salmon in the Federal public waters of the Buskin Drainage and identified marine waters (in accordance with existing regulations found in 36 CFR 242.27(e)(9)) under Federal subsistence fisheries jurisdiction due to the recent increase in escapement through the Buskin River Weir.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has reopened the adjacent subsistence and sport fisheries targeting Buskin River Coho Salmon returns.

This Emergency Special Action: 1) falls within the geographic and regulatory scope of the delegation; 2) is needed immediately; and 3) is likely to achieve desired results.

This action was taken in consultation with Alaska Department of Fish and Game fishery managers. The Kodiak/ Aleutian Regional Advisory Council was telephonically informed of this pending management action during their meetings in Cold Bay on September 26, 2019.

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/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council, Kodiak ADF&G Advisory Committee, Federal Subsistence Board, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Federal and State enforcement personnel.