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Federal Closure to the Harvest of Chinook Salmon in Federal Public Waters of the Chignik River has been Extended Until 11:59 pm Tuesday August 31, 2021

The Federal In-season Manager, pursuant to delegated authority from the Federal Subsistence Board and Section 816 of Title VIII of ANILCA, issued an Emergency Special Action (**8-KS-01-21**) to close fishing for Chinook salmon by all users, effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2021 until 11:59 pm Monday August 9. Effective immediately, Emergency Special action **8-KS-01-21** will be extended until 11:59 pm Tuesday August 31 due to continued poor escapement of Chinook Salmon into the Chignik River. This extension of the Emergency Special Action is necessary to ensure the continued viability of the Chignik River Chinook Salmon population. This Emergency Special Action prohibits all fishing for Chinook Salmon, and they may not be retained or possessed. Chinook Salmon incidentally caught while fishing for other species may not be removed from the water and must be released immediately.

Effective 12:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2021, until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2021, subsistence fishing for Chinook Salmon on all Federal public waters in the Chignik River drainage will close to all users upstream of the Chignik River weir operated by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The biological escapement goal for Chinook Salmon in the Chignik River drainage is 1,300 to 2,700 fish. The weir count as of August 8 was 1,124 Chinook Salmon. Based on historical run timing, the Chinook Salmon run is not expected to make the escapement goal. This closure is needed to ensure the viability of this Chinook Salmon population.

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.

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