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Buskin River Mouth Area Federal Subsistence Fishery for Sockeye Salmon

EMERGENCY SPECIAL ACTION

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

Emergency Special Action No: SA-9-SS-1-25

Issued at: Kodiak, AK, 6/18/25

Effective Date: June 18, 2025 at 12:01am

Expiration Date August 16, 2025 at 12: unless superseded by subsequent special action or rescinded

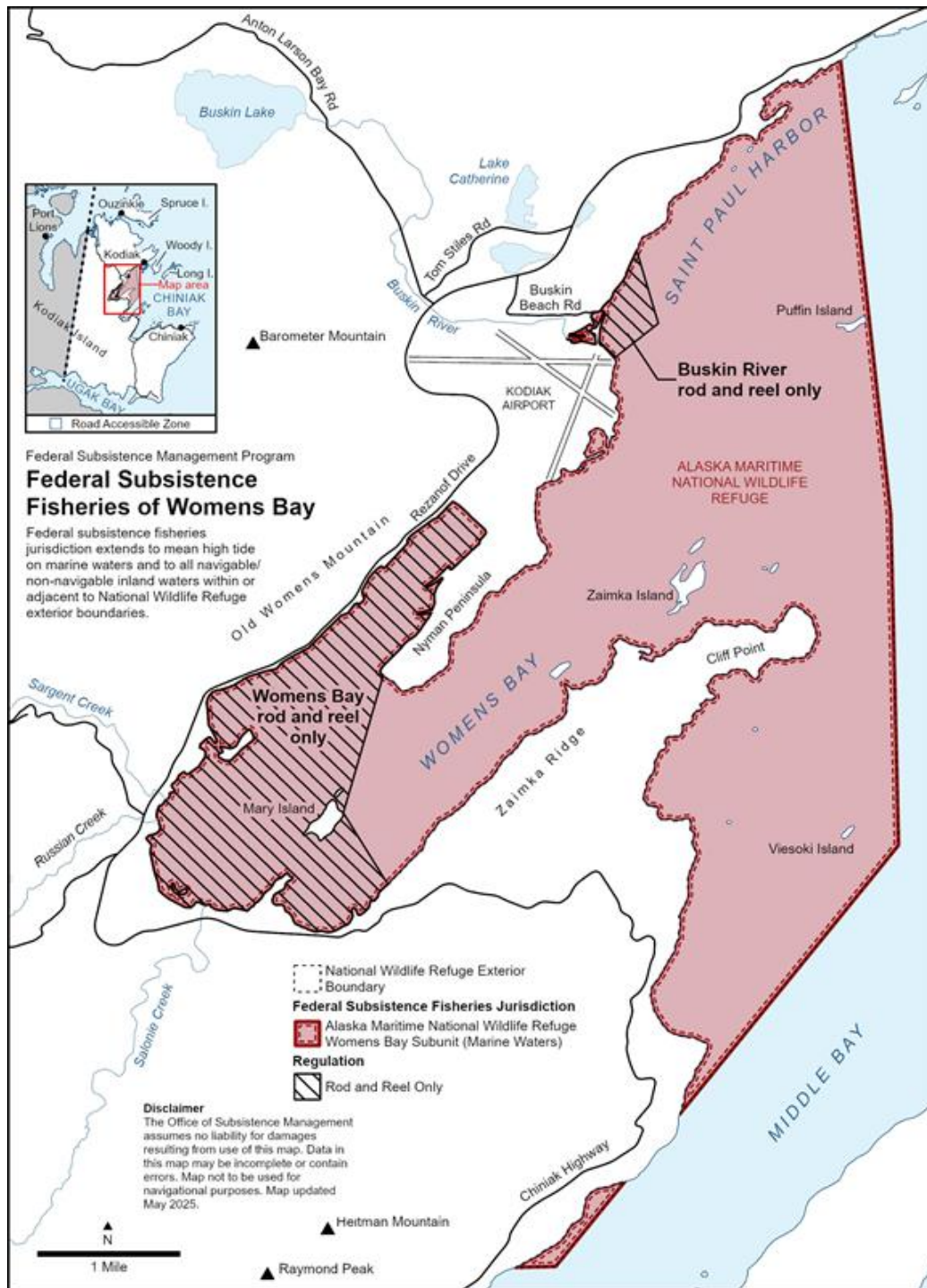
EXPLANATION: This Emergency Special Action liberalizes the Federal public waters of Buskin River mouth area (see Map 1) for Sockeye Salmon to include gillnet as an allowable gear type near the city of Kodiak. All waters inside of a line running from a marker on the bluff north of the mouth of the Buskin 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.

REGULATION: 36 CFR 242.27(e) and 50 CFR 100.27(e)(9)(iii)(B) are amended to read:

(iii) You may subsistence fish for salmon with rod and reel (**gillnets may also be used at this location to take salmon from June 18, 2025 to August 16, 2025**) only in the following locations:

(B) Buskin River mouth area (marine 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.

JUSTIFICATION: Through June 16, 4,046 Sockeye Salmon have been counted through the Buskin Lake weir. According to Alaska Department of Fish and Game, about 30% of the total escapement occurs by this date with the lower escapement goal at 5,000 and upper escapement goal at 8,000 fish. In coordination with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Kodiak Area Federal Subsistence In-season Manager has determined that this liberalization is warranted to ensure Sockeye Salmon escapement is within the escapement goal bounds. Liberalizing the Federal public waters of Buskin River to include gillnet will provide subsistence priority to Federally Qualified Subsistence Users.



Map 1. Buskin River rod and reel only area located at the mouth of Buskin River.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

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 6/18/2025



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