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# **Advisory Announcement**

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# Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #1 Emergency Orders 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06

#### COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Subsistence fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik and Ugashik Districts. The time is <u>9:00 a.m.</u> and the date is <u>Monday, June 1, 2020</u>.

## **Ugashik District**

In the Ugashik District, commercial fishing will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 19, 2020. After June 19, additional opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason indicators of abundance. Ugashik fishermen are reminded that mesh size is restricted to five and one-half inches or less from 9:00 a.m. June 1 to 11:59 p.m. July 22 for the conservation of Chinook salmon.

Subsistence fishing in the Ugashik District will be permitted from 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 1 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 19.

Walrus have been intermittently hauling out on the beach near the north line of the district and as a result the modification to the north line used in previous years, will be effect for 2020. We request all vessels transiting the area to maintain one nautical-mile of distance from the haul out when traveling to or from the Ugashik District. Current plans are to operate the fishery in a normal fashion with the northern line of the Ugashik District now defined as follows:

The northeastern (onshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 42.30' W. The northwestern (offshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 44.47' W.

### **Egegik District**

In the Egegik District, commercial fishing will be allowed from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2020. After June 17, additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance.

Subsistence fishing will be permitted within the waters of the Egegik commercial fishing district from 12:01 a.m. Monday, June 1, until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

### **Naknek-Kvichak District**

Commercial fishing in the Naknek-Kvichak District will open as follows: the Naknek Section will open to both set and drift gillnet gear, the Kvichak Section will open to set gillnet gear only from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 24. Beginning on June 24 additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance. Naknek-Kvichak District fishermen are reminded that mesh size is restricted to five and one-half inches or less from 9:00 a.m. June 1 to 11:59 p.m. July 22 for the conservation of Chinook salmon.

All Bristol Bay commercial permit holders are reminded that per regulation **5 AAC 06.377 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**, any and all Chinook and coho salmon kept but not sold, must be reported on an ADF&G fish ticket at the time of landing.

The department advises all permit holders to standby daily on VHF 07 at the regularly scheduled times of 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. for potential announcements.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon.