**Advisory Announcement**

**Date Issued:** June 21, 2020  
**Time Issued:** 6:00 p.m.

**Westside Salmon Announcement 6**

"Under Alaska’s Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: [https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/](https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/)."

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an update regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 6 issued Sunday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 4,866 yesterday and 1,062 at 6:00 a.m. this morning for a total of 25,170. The Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement was 10,250 yesterday for a cumulative of 51,255. The Nushagak king salmon escapement was 70 yesterday for a cumulative of 9,320.

As a result of being behind on king salmon escapement, we would like to wait as long as possible before announcing any commercial openings. However, Wood River sockeye salmon escapement is increasing to the point that we need to be prepared to respond to a sudden increase in fish movement into the Wood River. The drift and set net fleets are advised that they should be ready to respond on short notice to fishing openings as early 2:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, June 23.

As previously announced, commercial fishing will open with set gillnets only, in the Igushik Section only, from 1:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Monday, June 22.

Informational updates and announcements are available by calling our recorded message line at 842-5226.

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

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