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Westside Salmon Announcement 7 Emergency Order 8

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 7 issued Monday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 13,260 yesterday and 2,778 at 6:00 a.m. this morning for a total of 40,146. The Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement was 7,313 yesterday for a cumulative of 58,568. The Nushagak king salmon escapement was 1,290 yesterday for a cumulative of 10,610.

In order to conserve Nushagak king salmon, commercial fishing in the Nushagak Section will remain closed at this time. In order to be ready to respond to an increase in Wood River sockeye salmon escapement, the drift and set net fleets are advised that they should be ready to respond on short notice to fishing openings as early 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 24.

As previously announced, commercial fishing in progress in the Igushik Section will close as scheduled at 9:30 p.m. June 22. Commercial fishing with set gillnets only, in the Igushik Section only, will open from 2:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23 and from 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. June 24.

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.

Under Alaska 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/.