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Advisory Announcement

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For Immediate Release: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Time: 3:00 p.m. Travis Elison, Naknek-Kvichak Area Biologist Aaron Tiernan, Egegik/Ugashik Area Biologist

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #27 Emergency Order 44, 45, & 46

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 3:00 p.m. and the date is Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Naknek-Kvichak District

On July 6, Naknek River escapement was 479,000 for a cumulative of 1.16 million, which is within the escapement goal; Alagnak River escapement was 40,000 for a cumulative of 160,000; and Kvichak River escapement was 107,000 for a cumulative of 214,000. The Kvichak inriver estimate based on an aerial survey is 400,000. Harvest in the Naknek-Kvichak District on July 6 was 989,000 for a cumulative of 3.7 million.

The Naknek Section will open to drift gillnet gear for a 9-hour period from 3:00 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. Wednesday, July 8. The current set gillnet period in the Naknek-Kvichak District will be extended for 15-hours from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7 until 11:59 a.m. Wednesday, July 8.

Egegik District

Escapement through the Egegik River tower on July 6 was 183,000 for a cumulative of 650,000 fish. Harvest on July 6 was 1,030,000 for a cumulative of 4.1 million fish.

Egegik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 8 hours from 1:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8 and again for 8 hours from 2:15 p.m. until 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 5 hours from 1:30 a.m. until 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8 and again for 6 hours from 2:15 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.

Ugashik District

Escapement through the Ugashik River tower on July 6 was 3,400 for a cumulative of 37,000 fish. Harvest on July 6 was 67,000 for a cumulative of 212,000 fish.

Ugashik District will open to commercial fishing with set and drift gillnet gear for 8 hours from 12:15 p.m. until 8:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Commercial fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial 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: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

Read on VHF 7: July 7, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-44-20</u>, <u>2F-T-45-20</u>, <u>2F-T-46-20</u>