Advisory Announcement

Date Issued: July 10, 2020
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Westside Salmon Announcement 29
Emergency Order 28 and 29

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 29 issued Friday, July 10 at 12:00 noon.

Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 271,000 yesterday and 63,000 this morning for a cumulative of 1,313,000. Igushik sockeye salmon escapement was 5,100 yesterday and 4,500 this morning for a cumulative of 58,400. Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement was 153,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 861,000 and king salmon escapement was 24 for a cumulative of 38,084. Harvest in the Nushagak District was 745,000 sockeye salmon yesterday for a cumulative of 5.7 million. In 48 hours, there will be 419 vessels registered in Egegik, 484 in Naknek–Kvichak, and 334 in the Nushagak District.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in progress in the Nushagak District will close as scheduled at 1:00 p.m. July 10 and then reopen in the Nushagak and Igushik Sections from 6:00 p.m. July 10 until 1:00 a.m. July 11. Please use stat area 325-00 for these openings.

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will then open in the Nushagak Section only from 6:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. July 11. Please use stat area 325-30 for this opening.

The Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) will close to subsistence fishing at 1:00 p.m. today, July 10. Currently, the drift fleet is behind the harvest allocation goal of 74%, having harvested 73.2% of sockeye salmon in the Nushagak District. As a result, the WRSHA will open to commercial fishing with drift gillnets from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. July 10, and again from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. July 11. Please use stat area 325-40 for these openings.

All fishermen should check with their markets before fishing.

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/.

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