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Advisory Announcement

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Westside Salmon Announcement 38 Emergency Order 37

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Togiak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 38 issued Thursday, July 23 at 12:00 noon.

The Togiak River escapement is 94,000 fish through 6:00 a.m. this morning. An aerial survey conducted by Department staff on July 22 indicated that there are enough fish in the Togiak River between the commercial fishing district and the counting tower to meet the lower bound of the escapement goal.

As a result, commercial fishing in the Togiak River Section will be extended from 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 24 until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 25; a 24-hour extension. Commercial fishing will then open in all sections of the Togiak District as per the regular weekly schedule at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 27.

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: <u>https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.</u>

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