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Advisory Announcement

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #1 **Emergency Orders 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06**

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 **9:00 a.m.** and the date is **Monday, May 31, 2021.**

Naknek-Kvichak District

Commercial fishing in the Naknek-Kvichak District will open as follows: the Naknek Section will open to both set and drift gillnet gear, the Kvichak Section will open to set gillnet gear only from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 25, 2021. Beginning on June 25 additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance.

Egegik District

In the Egegik District, commercial fishing will be open from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2021. After that time, additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance.

Subsistence fishing will be open within the waters of the Egegik commercial fishing district from 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, until 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2021.

Ugashik District

In the Ugashik District, commercial fishing will be open from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Additional opportunity after the conclusion of the early season schedule will be based on escapement and inseason indicators of abundance.

Subsistence fishing in the Ugashik District will be open from 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1 until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 23.

Walrus have been hauling out on the beach near the north line of the district. Due to this, the north line will again be adjusted for the 2021 season. The northern line of the Ugashik District will now be defined as:

The northeastern (onshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 42.30' W.

The northwestern (offshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 44.47' W.

We request **all vessels transiting the area to maintain one nautical-mile of distance from the haul out when traveling to or from the Ugashik District.**

All Bristol Bay commercial permit holders are reminded that per regulation **5 AAC 06.377 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**, any and all Chinook and coho salmon kept but not sold, must be reported on an ADF&G fish ticket at the time of landing.

The department advises all permit holders to standby daily on VHF 07 at the regularly scheduled times of 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. for potential announcements.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>.

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

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