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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **Westside Salmon Announcement 6** **Emergency Order 6**

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 6 issued Tuesday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Sockeye salmon escapement into the Wood River is 15,500 through 6:00 a.m. June 22. Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement is 86,000 through June 21, and Nushagak king salmon escapement is 5,294 through June 21.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Igushik Section will close at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. Commercial fishing will open with set gillnets only, in the Igushik Section only, for two eight-hour periods, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, and from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24.

As we are hearing more reports of fish building up and entering the district, we would like the fleet ready for short notice openings as early as 3:00 p.m. June 23. We are still waiting for additional king salmon escapement in the Nushagak River and sockeye salmon escapement in the Wood River before announcing an opening, but we would like to be prepared as fish numbers may increase rapidly.

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 Dillingham.

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