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Westside Salmon Announcement 17 Emergency Order 17

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 17 issued Friday, July 2 at 12:00 noon.

Wood River sockeye salmon escapement is 1.5 million and Igushik River sockeye salmon escapement is 128,000 through 6:00 a.m. July 2. Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement is 2 million and Nushagak king salmon escapement is 32,080 through July 1. Reported king salmon harvest is 2,152. There are 742 permits and 558 vessels registered to fish in the Nushagak District. Sockeye salmon harvest in the Nushagak District was 1,824,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 5.5 million through July 1. The 1.824 million harvest is another new record.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in progress will close at 4:00 p.m. July 2. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will open in the Nushagak and Igushik Sections, from 8:00 p.m. July 2, until 4:00 a.m. July 3 and again from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. July 3.

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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