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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **Westside Salmon Announcement 21** **Emergency Order 21**

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 21 issued Tuesday, July 6 at 12:00 noon.

Wood River sockeye salmon escapement is 2.5 million and Igushik River sockeye salmon escapement is 294,000 through 6:00 a.m. July 6. Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement is 3.3 million and Nushagak king salmon escapement is 38,646 through July 5. Reported king salmon harvest is 2,852. Sockeye salmon harvest in the Nushagak District was 1,480,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 9.9 million through July 5. There are 735 permits and 556 vessels registered to fish in the Nushagak District.

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets in progress in the Nushagak and Igushik Sections, will be extended from 7:00 p.m. July 6 until 9:00 a.m. July 7. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak and Igushik sections will then open from 12:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. July 7.

Effective immediately, the transfer period into the Nushagak District and between set gillnet stat areas in the Nushagak District is waived. Permit holders are reminded that they must still transfer if they wish to change areas, but they do not have to wait 48 hours to begin fishing in the Nushagak District.

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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