Bristol Bay Fisheries Update # 1

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bristol Bay with an update for all permit holders in the Bristol Bay salmon fishery. This is Bristol Bay Fisheries update number 1 issued Tuesday, July 12 at 12:00 noon.

Cumulative sockeye salmon escapement in all rivers of Bristol Bay is 13.8 million and all rivers have met or exceeded their sockeye salmon escapement goals with the exception of the Togiak River which is projecting to meet the goal.

The cumulative sockeye salmon harvest in Bristol Bay of 46.6 million is the largest harvest since commercial fishing began in 1883 and eclipses the previous harvest record of 44.3 million fish set in 1995.

Current inshore run projections are tracking above the 73.4 million preseason forecast which would be the largest inshore run in the history of the fishery.

The department would like to take the time to congratulate the fleet, processors, supporting industry, and communities of Bristol Bay on their efforts this season and being part of this historic achievement.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bristol Bay.

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