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Westside Salmon Announcement 9 **Emergency Order none**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an update regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 9 issued Friday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

The Nushagak River escapement on June 22 for king salmon was 251 for a total of 10,677, and for sockeye salmon was 95,000 yesterday for a total of 126,500. We have counted an additional 44,000 Nushagak River fish today that have not been apportioned yet. The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 92,000 yesterday and 51,000 this afternoon for a total of 154,000 through 2:00 p.m. June 23.

King salmon escapement into the Nushagak River is below expectations. The current and projected sockeye salmon escapements into the Nushagak and Wood Rivers have not yet met the escapement triggers so we will stand down for another tide. Nushagak District fishermen should be ready to fish as early as 6:00 p.m. with set gillnets and 7:30 p.m. with drift gillnets Saturday, June 24. We are not announcing any openings at this time, but we want the fleet to be prepared to respond on short notice as early as tomorrow evening. We will have another announcement in the morning to update the fleet after we gather additional information.

Igushik set gillnet openings remain as previously announced.

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