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Advisory Announcement

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #39 Emergency Orders 44 & 45

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik districts. The time is 9:00 a.m. and the date is Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Naknek-Kvichak District

Time: 9:00 a.m.

On July 8, Naknek River escapement was 12,500 for a cumulative of 665,000; Kvichak River escapement was 346,000 for a cumulative of 1.2 million; and Alagnak River escapement was 87,000 for a cumulative of 356,000. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 450,000 fish. Harvest on July 8 was 150,000 fish for a cumulative of 4.8 million. There are 474 vessels registered to fish in the district and there will be 513 in 48 hours.

The Naknek Section will open to drift gillnet gear for a 7.5-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 9 until 1:30 a.m. Monday, July 10. The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to set gillnet gear for a 7.5-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 9 until 1:30 a.m. Monday, July 10.

Fishermen in the Naknek-Kvichak District should stand by at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 9 for the next possible announcement.

Ugashik District

Ugashik Tower escapement on July 8 was 28,600 fish, bringing the season total to 45,000. The count through 6:00 a.m. today is 6,900 fish. Estimated harvest from July 8 is 200,000 for a total of 658,000 on the season. Currently there are 84 vessels registered in the district.

Ugashik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 10 hours from 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9 until 12:30 a.m. Monday, July 10. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 5 hours from 2:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Ugashik District fishermen should stand by at 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 10 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-44-23</u>, <u>2F-T-45-23</u>