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Advisory Announcement

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #50 Emergency Orders 55 & 56

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 Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Naknek-Kvichak District

Time: 9:00 a.m.

On July 12, Naknek River escapement was 17,000 for a cumulative of 819,000. Kvichak River escapement was 353,000 on July 12 and 163,000 at 6:00 a.m. today for a cumulative of 2.1 million, which is within the escapement goal range. Alagnak River escapement on July 12 was 174,000 for a cumulative of 657,000. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 800,000 fish. Harvest on July 12 was an estimated 180,000 fish for a cumulative of 6.5 million.

The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 19-hour period from 10:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13 until 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 14. The current set gillnet period in the Naknek-Kvichak District will be extended until 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 17.

Naknek-Kvichak District fishermen should stand by at 12:00 noon Friday, July 14 for the next possible announcement.

Ugashik District

Ugashik Tower escapement on July 12 was 110,000 fish and the count through 6:00 a.m. today is 19,000, bringing the season total to 277,000. Currently there are 170 vessels registered in the district.

Ugashik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 8 hours from 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13 until 1:30 a.m. Friday, July 14. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 4 hours from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

Ugashik River fishermen should stand by at the regularly scheduled announcement times.

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

Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-55-23</u>, <u>2F-T-56-23</u>