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Advisory Announcement

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #56 Emergency Orders 63, 64 & 65

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts. The time is 12:00 noon and the date is Saturday, July 15, 2023.

Naknek-Kvichak District

Time: 12:00 p.m.

On July 14, Naknek River escapement was 85,000 for a cumulative of 915,000; Kvichak River escapement was 282,000 for a cumulative of 3.1 million; and Alagnak River escapement was 14,000 for a cumulative of 827,000. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 150,000 fish. Harvest on July 14 was 1.6 million fish for a cumulative of 9.3 million.

The Naknek-Kvichak District will open to drift gillnet gear for a 19-hour period from 12:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 16. As previously announced, the current set gillnet period in the Naknek-Kvichak District is extended until 9:00 a.m. Monday, July 17.

Egegik District

Egegik Tower escapement on July 14 was 158,000, bringing the season total to 1.1 million fish. Harvest from July 14 was 577,000 for a total of 8.9 million on the season.

Egegik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 20 hours from 10:15 p.m. Saturday, July 15 until 6:15 p.m. Sunday, July 16. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 6 hours from 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15 until 4:30 a.m. Sunday, July 16 and again for 6 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 16.

Ugashik District

Ugashik Tower escapement on July 14 was 100,000, bringing the season total to 441,000. Harvest from July 14 was 129,000, for a total of 1.1 million on the season.

The current drift gillnet period in the Ugashik District will be extended for 4 hours from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Additionally, Ugashik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 12 hours from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 12 hours from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16.

Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik district fishermen should stand by at 12:00 noon Sunday, July 16 for the next possible announcement.

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

Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-63-23</u>, <u>2F-T-64-23</u>, <u>2F-T-65-23</u>