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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 06

As of 12:15 p.m. July 9, an estimated cumulative total of 383,205 sockeye salmon have passed the Chignik River weir and another 10,000 fish are immediately downstream at this time. Through July 8 the estimated escapement of early-run sockeye salmon was 320,012 fish and late-run sockeye salmon was 50,874 fish. If necessary, ADF&G will be conducting the fourth test fishery of the 2014 season on Friday, July 11 to help assess the relative magnitude of the late run and determine if a buildup of sockeye salmon is present within Chignik Lagoon.

This news release serves as notice that the first commercial fishing period of the 2014 season may be announced within the next 96 hours in the Chignik Bay, Central, Eastern, Western, and Perryville districts of the Chignik Management Area. If possible, a 24-hour advance notice will be given prior to the first commercial fishing period.

As a reminder, commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or during the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon> and by calling the 24-hour record-a-phone at 845-2235. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.

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