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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 01 Emergency Order 01, 02, 03, 04, 05

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 <u>3:00 p.m.</u> and the date is **Friday, May 29, 2015**.

In the Ugashik District, commercial fishing will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 12. Additional opportunity will be based on inseason abundance.

In the Egegik District, commercial fishing will be allowed from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and from 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 12. During the week of June 15: commercial fishing with set gillnets will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. Monday June 15 until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday June 17. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be permitted from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday June 15. After June 15 (drift gillnets) and June 17 (set gillnets) additional fishing opportunity for both will be based on escapement and inseason abundance.

In addition, subsistence fishing will be permitted within the waters of the Egegik and Ugashik commercial fishing districts from midnight Sunday June 1, until midnight Wednesday June 17, 2015.

Commercial fishing in the Naknek/Kvichak District is open as follows: the Naknek Section is open to both set and drift gillnet gear, the Kvichak Section is open to set gillnet gear only from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 12.

During the week of June 15, set gillnet fishing will be open in the Naknek/Kvichak District from 9:00 a.m. Monday until 9:00 a.m. Friday. Drift gillnet fishing in the Naknek Section ONLY will be opened with the following schedule:

11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday June 15, a 7.0-hour period;

12:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday June 16, an 8.5 hour period;

12:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday June 16, a 7.0-hour period;

1:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday June 17, an 8.5 hour period;

1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday June 17, a 7.0-hour period;

2:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Thursday June 18, an 8.5 hour period;

2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Thursday June 18, a 7.0-hour period;

3:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Friday June 19, an 8.5-hour period.

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

For the conservation of Chinook salmon, mesh size within the Ugashik and Naknek-Kvichak Districts will be restricted to five and one-half inches or less, from 9:00 a.m. June 1 until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 in in Ugashik and Friday July 24 in Naknek-Kvichak.

The department advises all permit holders to standby daily on VHF 07 at the regularly scheduled times of 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. for potential announcements beginning June 15.

All Bristol Bay commercial fishers are reminded that per regulation **5 AAC 06.377** (b) **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**, any and all Chinook and coho salmon kept but not sold, must be reported on an ADF&G fish ticket at the time of landing.

The blue permit district registration cards are available at the Anchorage, King Salmon, and Dillingham offices. In addition, PDF files of blue district registration cards are posted on the Bristol Bay homepage and can be printed, completed, mailed to the address on the printout, or submitted to Anchorage, King Salmon, or Dillingham office personnel. Permit holders fishing dual must register with the Department prior to fishing, but do not have to declare a district prior to June 25. Registration can be done online or in person at the King Salmon or Dillingham Fish and Game offices.

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareabristolbay.salmon#/management

The King Salmon Office hours for this coming season will be as follows:

June 1 – June 15	8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.	closed weekends
June 16 – July 16	8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.	open weekends
July 17 – September 30	8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.	closed weekends