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**Westside Salmon Announcement 24
Emergency Order 27 and 28**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial and subsistence fishing in the Togiak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 24 issued Wednesday, July 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Escapement to Togiak River (834 sockeye salmon), commercial harvest (48,000), and catches per delivery are all far below expectations, warranting caution and reduced fishing time.

Commercial fishing in the Togiak River Section will close for the week on Friday, July 10 at 9:00 a.m. Matogak, Osviak, and Cape Peirce sections will follow regular schedules and close for the week on Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.

By emergency order, the drift gillnet boundary near the Togiak River specified in 5 AAC 06.350 (e)(3) will remain in effect through July 31. Also by emergency order, the mesh size restriction of 5 and ½ inches or smaller will remain in effect in all of Togiak District through July 31.

Subsistence fishing will reopen in Togiak River Section on Friday, July 10 at 12:00 p.m. and close on Monday, July 13 at 6:00 a.m. Subsistence fishing is always open in the commercial fishing district during open commercial fishing periods. As a reminder, subsistence gillnets in the commercial district and in the Togiak River may not exceed 10 fathoms.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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