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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 01
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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 p.m.** and the date is **Wednesday May 31, 2017.**

In the Ugashik District, commercial fishing will be permitted from 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Friday, beginning 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2017. After June 16, additional opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance. Mesh size will be restricted to five and one-half inches or less from 12:01 a.m. June 1 to 11:59 p.m. July 22 for the conservation of Chinook salmon.

Subsistence fishing in the Ugashik District will be permitted from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1 until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 23.

Walrus have returned to the beach area near the north line of the district and as a result the modification to the north line used in 2016 will be in effect in 2017. Similar to last year we request **all vessels transiting the area to maintain one nautical- mile of distance from the haul out when traveling to or from the Ugashik District.** Current plans are to operate the fishery in a normal fashion with the northern line of the Ugashik District now defined as follows:

The northeastern (onshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 42.30' W.

The northwestern (offshore) corner will be located at 57° 42.69' N by 157° 44.47' W.

All other district reference points (the southern boundary, upper river boundary) remain unchanged.

Ugashik fishermen should familiarize themselves with federal guidelines for vessel operations around walrus haul outs at the following website:

<http://www.fws.gov/alaska/fisheries/mmm/walrus/pdf/vessel%20operations%20in%20bristol%20bay%20factsheet.pdf>

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 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2017. After June 16, additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance.

Subsistence fishing will be permitted within the waters of the Egegik commercial fishing district from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 1, until 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2017.

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. Thursday, June 1 and ending 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 23. Beginning on June 23 additional fishing opportunity will be based on escapement and inseason abundance. For the conservation of Chinook salmon, mesh size within the Naknek-Kvichak District will be restricted to five and one-half inches or less, from 9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 1 until 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 21.

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.

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.

Additionally, there are new reporting requirements for **Dual Drift Permit** operations: **5 AAC 39.130 Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements (c) (2) and (17)** require that when fishing as a dual permit operation **BOTH** CFEC permit **NUMBERS** and **SIGNATURES** of the permit holders will be recorded on fish tickets when fish are delivered.

Permit holders are reminded that during the 2015 board of fisheries meeting the board reinstated the requirement for drift permit holders to register before fishing in **ANY** district in Bristol Bay. Permit holders must declare a district prior to fishing by using the blue permit district registration card. 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 as a dual operation must register with the Department prior to fishing. 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. – 4:30 p.m.	open weekends
July 17 – September 30	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	closed weekends