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Westside Salmon Announcement 20 Emergency Order 20 and 21

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial and subsistence fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 20 issued Saturday, July 1, at 12:00 p.m.

The drift gillnet opening in progress will close as scheduled at 4:00 p.m. July 1. Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will open in the Nushagak and Igushik sections from 9:00 p.m. July 1, until 4:00 a.m. July 2, and again from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. July 2. Processors and tenders please use stat area 325-00 on drift gillnet fish tickets.

The Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) will open to set gillnet gear only from 7:30 a.m. July 2, until 8:30 a.m. July 3. Permit holders are reminded that regulations for the WRSHA have changed including boundary lines. Please be sure you have the latest regulations and boundary information.

Wood River sockeye salmon escapement is 1,134,000 through 6:00 a.m. today, Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement is 1,090,000, Nushagak River king salmon escapement was 1,000 yesterday for a total of 34,800, and Igushik River sockeye salmon escapement is 101,000 this morning. There are 617 permits and 477 vessels registered to fish in the Nushagak District. The harvest yesterday was 55,000 for a cumulative harvest of 3.5 million sockeye salmon. Currently the drift gillnet harvest percentage is 78.6% with a target of 74%.

Subsistence users in the Dillingham area are reminded that effective at 9:00 a.m. July 2, subsistence fishing on the Dillingham Beaches is restricted by regulation to three days per week. The Dillingham Beaches area extends from the commercial fishing district boundary to Red Bluff on both sides of the Wood River and to just below Lewis Point on both sides of the Nushagak River. Some of the areas where 25 fathoms of gear is allowed are included in the

restriction. By regulation the WRSOA must close to subsistence fishing prior to opening for commercial fishing. The WRSOA will close to subsistence fishing at 11:00 p.m. July 1.

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

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