ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES NEWS RELEASE



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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 33 Emergency Order 36, 37

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Egegik and Ugashik district commercial fishermen. The time is 12:00 p.m. and the date is Thursday July 6, 2017.

In Egegik- escapement on July 5 was 505,000 and cumulative escapement is 1.7 million sockeye. Harvest on July 5 was 570,000 and cumulative harvest is 5.0 million.

Commercial fishing in the Egegik District will be extended for drift and set gillnet gear from 3:15 p.m. Thursday July 6, 2017 until 3:15 p.m. Friday July 7 a 24 hour extension.

Having exceeded the mid-point of the escapement goal range the 48-hour transfer waiting requirement into the Egegik District is waived. Permit holders must notify the department of transferring prior to fishing in Egegik. Permit holders wishing to transfer out of the Egegik District and all other transfers must still notify the department and serve a 48-hour waiting period prior to fishing in another district.

In Ugashik-.escapement on July 5 was 15,000 sockeye and cumulative escapement is 17,000. Fish detected by the inriver test fishery are beginning to arrive at the counting tower. Harvest on July 5 was 66,000 and cumulative harvest is 395,000.

Commercial fishing with drift gillnets will be extended in the Ugashik District from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thursday July 6, 2017..... a 4 hour extension. Commercial fishing with drift and set gillnet gear will be permitted again from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday July 7, 2017..... a 12 hour period.

Fishermen in both districts should be sure of their markets before fishing.

Egegik and Ugashik fishermen should stand by at 12:00 p.m. Friday July 7 for the next possible announcement.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

Read on VHF 7: July 6, 2017 12:00 p.m. Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-36-17</u> and <u>2F-T-37-17</u>