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**SAND POINT COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 10
For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-SP-07-17**

The 2017 sockeye salmon escapement into McLees Lake through July 6 is 4,117 fish, which is well below the previous 10-year average for this date. This is the lowest escapement for this date since the weir became operational in 2001. In an effort to conserve McLees Lake sockeye salmon, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will extend the duration of the 500 yard closure around the terminus of the McLees Lake outlet stream.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 10, salmon may not be taken within 500 yards of the outlet stream terminus to McLees Lake until further notice.

Sockeye salmon escapement into the McLees Lake system will continue to be monitored daily. Areas open to subsistence salmon fishing may be adjusted based on changes in the run strength. If the McLees Lake sockeye salmon run improves, waters closed to subsistence fishing may be reopened to provide additional opportunity.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, Title VIII of ANILCA provides a subsistence priority for federally qualified rural residents.

Subsistence fishers are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations prior to subsistence fishing.

Subsistence fishermen must obtain a permit and have it in their possession while harvesting salmon under subsistence guidelines.

Information regarding salmon fishery announcements may be obtained from ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2066 or ADF&G in Dutch Harbor at 907-581-1239.

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