

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 29
Emergency Order 44**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Naknek-Kvichak District fishermen. The time is 3:00 p.m. and the date is Thursday, July 5, 2018.

The midnight to 2:00 p.m. count on the Naknek River was 65,000 for cumulative escapement of 571,000. At this point the Naknek is tracking to meet the escapement goal. The midnight to 2:00 p.m. count on the Kvichak River was 29,700 for cumulative escapement of 122,000. The Kvichak in-river test fishery indexed approximately 50,000 fish on this morning's tide. At this point the Kvichak River escapement is tracking five days behind the lower bound of the escapement goal.

If escapements to the Kvichak River do not improve the Naknek-Kvichak District will close. The Naknek River Special Harvest Area may open as early as 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 7. The Naknek River Special Harvest Area is managed with separate gear group openings and for a seasonal ratio of three drift gillnet fishing periods to every one set gillnet fishing period. At this point the catch allocation is 50% drift, 25% Naknek set, and 25% Kvichak set. Therefore, the first fishing period would be for drift gillnet gear.

When the Naknek River Special Harvest Area is open, the Egegik District is restricted to the Egegik River Special Harvest Area and dual drift permit operations are restricted to 150 fathoms in all Bristol Bay districts.

The current set gillnet period in the Naknek Section will be extended for 12.5-hours from 2:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 6. The Naknek Section will open to drift gillnet gear for an 8.5-hour period from 6:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 6.

Fishermen in the Naknek-Kvichak District should stand-by at 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 6 for the next possible announcement.

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

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