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Westside Salmon Announcement 28 Emergency Order 31

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 28 issued Friday, July 6 at 12:00 p.m.

Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement was 52,002 yesterday for a cumulative of 467,548. Nushagak king salmon escapement was 1,357 for a cumulative of 75,098. Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 449,292 yesterday and 72,090 this morning for a cumulative of 3.84 million. Igushik River escapement is 164,646 through 6:00 a.m. this morning. The Nushagak District Harvest was 962,000 yesterday for a total harvest of 11.4 million. There are 897 permits and 663 vessels registered for the Nushagak District.

Drift gillnet fishing in progress will close as scheduled at 4:30 p.m. July 6. Drift gillnet fishing will open in the Nushagak and Igushik Sections from 7:30 p.m. July 6, until 4:30 a.m. July 7, and again from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. July 7. Processors and tenders please use stat area 325-00 for drift gillnet fish tickets and 325-41 for WRSHA fish tickets.

All Bristol Bay drift permit holders are reminded that if fishing is restricted to the Naknek River Special Harvest Area, dual permit holders may not have more than 150 fathoms of gear on board their vessels.

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

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