

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



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**Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement # 30
Emergency Order 45, 46, 47**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in King Salmon with an announcement for Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik District commercial fishermen. The time is 12:00 noon and the date is Friday July 6, 2018.

On July 5, the Naknek River escapement was 257,000 sockeye for a cumulative of 763,000; the Kvichak River escapement was 75,000 for a cumulative of 168,000; and the Alagnak River escapement was 11,000 for a cumulative of 76,000. The Kvichak in-river estimate is 150,000. Harvest from July 5 was 285,000 for a cumulative 892,000. The Kvichak River escapement and the in-river estimate today indicate that it is likely that the Naknek River Special Harvest Area will open to drift gillnet gear at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

The current set gillnet period in the Naknek Section will be extended for 24.5 hours from 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 6 until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7. The Naknek Section will open to drift gillnet gear for an 8-hour period from 7:00 p.m. July 6 until 3:00 a.m. Saturday, July 7 and again for an 8.5-hour period from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7.

In Egegik- Harvest on July 5 was 163,000 fish. Through July 5, cumulative harvest is 1.3 million fish. Escapement on July 5 was 170,000 sockeye, cumulative escapement is 703,000 sockeye.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Egegik District with drift gillnet gear from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday July 6, 2018.....a 4 hour period and again from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday July 7, 2018..... a 5 hour period. Commercial fishing will be permitted with set gillnet gear from 5:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday July 7, 2018.....an 8 hour period.

Permit holders in the Egegik District are reminded that should the Naknek River Special Harvest Area be opened at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7, the next Egegik District commercial period will be in the Egegik River Special Harvest Area. The boundaries of the district will be as found in **5 AAC 06.359 Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan**.

In Ugashik- Through July 5, cumulative harvest is 364,000 fish. Escapement on July 5 was 25,000 sockeye and cumulative escapement is 60,000 sockeye. Allocation stands at 15% set gillnet and 85% drift gillnet.

Commercial fishing will be permitted in the Ugashik District with drift gillnet gear only from 5:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Saturday July 7, 2018.....a 4 hour period.

Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik and Ugashik District fishermen should stand by at 12:00 noon Saturday July 7 for the next possible announcement.

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

Read on VHF 7: July 6, 2018 12:00 p.m.

Connected EO's: 2F-T-45-18; 2F-T-46-18; and 2F-T-47-18

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