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ESHAMY DISTRICT: With the installation of the barrier seine this weekend PWSAC initiated the process of sequestering broodstock at MBH. To protect broodstock and the barrier seine, **waters inside a line of buoys in front of the barrier seine will be closed during the 36-hour period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 17.** As previously announced, the Eshamy District will open to commercial gillnet harvest for a **36-hour** period starting at 8:00 am on Monday, June 17. **The AGZ will open to DRIFT GILLNET permit holders only during this fishing period.** Preliminary harvest estimate from the 36-hour period that started on Thursday, June 13 was 20,900 sockeye and 9,000 chum salmon with 228 deliveries reported.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.