SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE CATCH LIMIT WAIVED AT PILGRIM

Over 1,300 sockeye salmon passed through the Pilgrim River weir yesterday and that brings the weir passage this season to 3,300 sockeyes. Historically the average midpoint of sockeye passage at the weir has been July 19.

Because of high water the Pilgrim River weir did not become operational until July 10, two weeks later than normal.

The escapement goal range at Salmon Lake is 6,800 to 36,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey. During an aerial survey yesterday afternoon at Salmon Lake nearly 5,000 sockeyes were observed. Because escapement is ensured the department has waived the subsistence sockeye salmon catch limit in the Pilgrim River.