Westside Salmon Announcement 7
Emergency Order none

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an update regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 7 issued Wednesday, June 23 at 12:00 noon.

Sockeye salmon escapement into the Wood River is 40,000 through 10:00 a.m. June 23. Nushagak sockeye salmon escapement is 90,000 through June 22, and Nushagak king salmon escapement is 5,586 through June 22.

Sockeye salmon escapement into the Wood River is increasing but still short of the 100,000-minimum needed to consider any commercial openings in the Nushagak Section. The earliest possible set gillnet opening is noon June 24; the earliest possible drift gillnet opening is 1:30 p.m. June 24. We still intend to wait and allow for as much king salmon passage as possible, but we need the fleet to be ready to fish on short notice.

Under Alaska’s Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

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

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