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## Westside Salmon Announcement 6 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 6 issued Thursday, June 19 at 3:00 p.m.

The Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement was 57,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 342,000 through June 18, the 0600 count this morning was 18,000. The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 28,200 yesterday and was 4,674 through 6:00 a.m. today for a cumulative of 57,000. Commercial harvest from the Igushik Section is confidential at this time. There are currently 34 boats registered to fish in the Nushagak District but that number will change significantly.

In accordance with the Nushagak king salmon stock of concern management plan we are waiting to fish until we are certain we have more than surpassed the Nushagak sockeye salmon trigger. We are not there yet, but as we gather additional information it seems likely we will significantly surpass the 635,000 trigger soon. Nushagak District fishermen should be ready to fish as early as 8:00 a.m. with set gillnets and 10:00 a.m. with drift gillnets Saturday, June 21. We are not announcing any openings at this time, but we want the fleet to be prepared to respond on short notice as early as Saturday morning. We will gather additional information tomorrow and update the fleet tomorrow afternoon or evening.

Igushik set gillnet openings remain as previously announced.

Informational updates and announcements are available by calling our recorded message line at 907 842-5226. This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.