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Westside Salmon Announcement 8 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 8 issued Friday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

The Nushagak River king salmon escapement was 521 yesterday, for a cumulative of 6,529; sockeye salmon escapement was 61,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 402,000 through June 19, the 1400 count this afternoon was 46,000. The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 31,000 yesterday and was 11,000 through 6:00 a.m. today for a cumulative of 94,000. Commercial harvest from the Igushik Section is confidential at this time. There are currently 68 boats registered to fish in the Nushagak District but that number may 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 9:00 p.m. with set gillnets and 11:00 p.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 evening. We will gather additional information and update the fleet tomorrow.

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.