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Chignik Commercial Salmon Fishery Stakeholder Meeting

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will hold a fishery stakeholder's meeting on **Wednesday**, **June 3** beginning at **1:00 p.m**. Due to the progression of Covid-19, this year the preseason meeting will be held via teleconference only. If you would like to call into the meeting please contact the Area Management Biologist Ross Renick <u>ross.renick@alaska.gov</u> or the Assistant Area Management Biologist Michelle Stratton <u>michelle.stratton@alaska.gov</u> or the Chignik weir at 907-512-6731 prior to June 3. The purpose of this meeting is to provide all interested parties an opportunity to discuss the upcoming salmon season with ADF&G staff.

Topics covered will include:

- ADF&G staff introductions
- Department Covid-19 mitigation
- 2020 Chignik Area forecast
- 2020 Chignik Area management strategy
- 2020 Department test fisheries
- Other topics as time permits

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates. Escapement, harvest, and news release updates can also be heard on the Chignik commercial salmon message phone line by calling (907) 486-1839.

"Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, 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 Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/."