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Advisory Announcement

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Time: 12:00 p.m.

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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #22 Emergency Order 34 & 35

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an announcement for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak and Egegik districts and an update for permit holder in the Ugashik District. The time is 12:00 noon and the date is Friday, July 3, 2020.

Naknek-Kvichak District

On July 2, the Naknek River escapement was 2,100 for a cumulative of 305,000; Alagnak River escapement was 12,000 for a cumulative of 31,000; and the Kvichak River escapement was 32,000 for a cumulative of 52,000. The Kvichak inriver estimate is 20,000. Harvest on July 2 was an estimated 179,000 for a cumulative of 838,000.

The Naknek Section will open to drift gillnet gear for an 18-hour period from 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. The current set gillnet period in the Naknek-Kvichak District will be extended for 24.5 hours from 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 3 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Egegik District

Escapement through the Egegik River tower on July 2 was 100,000 for a cumulative of 377,000 fish. Harvest on July 2 was 395,000 for a cumulative of 1.3 million fish.

Egegik District will open to commercial fishing with set gillnet gear for 8 hours from 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 3 until 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4 and again for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 4. Commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear will open for 4.5 hours from 11:00 p.m. Friday, July 3 until 3:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4 and again for 5 hours from 10:15 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

Ugashik District

Escapement through the Ugashik River tower on July 2 was 5,800 for a cumulative of 17,000 fish. Harvest on July 2 was 16,000 for a cumulative of 34,000 fish.

This has been the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game in King Salmon.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, Commercial fishing is Essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

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Connected EO's: <u>2F-T-34-20</u>, <u>2F-T-35-20</u>