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Westside Salmon Announcement 8 Emergency Order 7

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside Salmon Announcement number 8 issued Monday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.

The Nushagak River escapement for king salmon was 739 yesterday for a cumulative of 9,723 through June 23, and for sockeye salmon it was 4,042 yesterday for a cumulative of 92,400. The Wood River sockeye salmon escapement was 11,568 yesterday and was 708 through 6:00 a.m. today for a cumulative of 154,400. Commercial harvest from the Igushik Section is confidential at this time. There are currently 104 boats registered to fish in the Nushagak District.

This announcement clarifies the set gillnet distance from shore for the Nushagak District. This announcement does not open any fishing opportunity in Nushagak District at this time. It is only intended to provide the correct description for this area of the Nushagak District.

The regulation with the correct coordinates is as follows.

5 AAC 06.331 (n) In the Nushagak District,

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In addition, no part of a set gillnet, anchor, peg, stake, buoy, or other device used to set the gillnet maybe seaward of the following offshore locations:

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(2) from the cannery dock at Clark's Point to Range Marker at 58° 47.929' N. lat., 158° 33.539' W. long., 600 feet from the mean high tide mark, **except that from 58° 50.10' N. lat., 158° 33.52' W. long. to 58° 49.29' N. lat., 158° 33.10' W. long., 750 feet from the mean high tide mark; from Range Marker at 58° 47.929' N. lat., 158° 33.539' W. long.,** to 58° 47.572' N. lat., 158° 32.883' W. long., to 58° 47.447' N. lat., 158° 32.510' W. long., to 58° 47.232' N. lat., 158° 31.657' W. long., to First Creek at 58° 47.057' N. lat., 158° 30.743' W. long., approximately 600 feet.

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Although the escapement is not yet sufficient to satisfy the triggers to open fishing, we want to be ready to respond when it is. Nushagak District fishermen should be ready to fish as early as 3:30 p.m. with set gillnets and 5:00 p.m. with drift gillnets Tuesday, June 25. 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 tomorrow afternoon. There will be another announcement this evening to update the fleet after we gather additional information today.

Igushik set gillnet openings remain as previously announced.

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

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