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BRISTOL BAY 2026 SALMON FISHERY UPDATE #2

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon and Dillingham with an update for permit holders and subsistence users in all Bristol Bay salmon fishing districts. The time is 3:00 p.m., and the date is Thursday, July 9, 2026.

This update is to announce that the new regulations adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in January 2026 that modified the Bristol Bay salmon fisheries (5 AAC 06.001–5 AAC 06.391) will be in effect starting July 12, 2026.

The following summarizes Board adopted changes:

Baywide

- Board adopted vessel specifications and operations (5 AAC 06.341).

Ugashik District

- In the Ugashik Village subdistrict, the set gillnet offshore distance described in 5 AAC 06.331(m)(8) will be 1,000 feet.

Nushagak District

- Mandatory retention of king salmon caught in the Nushagak District. King salmon may not be retained for personal use and must either be sold or donated.
- The set gillnet area lines described in 5 AAC 06.331(n)(2)– (4) will take effect.
- Required distance between drift and set gillnet gear (5 AAC 06.335)(c)(1 and 2)- no part of a drift gillnet operation may contact any part of a set gillnet operation in the Nushagak District.

Togiak District

- The department will open the Kulukak Section by emergency order beginning July 13 (5 AAC 06.320(a)(2)). Expect an announcement on July 12.
- The department may now extend fishing in the Togiak Bay Section by more than 48 hours if warranted (5 AAC 06.369(c)(3)).

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