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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #18

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an update for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak District. The time is 12:00 noon and the date is Thursday, July 2.

Naknek-Kvichak District

The Naknek River escapement from midnight to 11:00 a.m. was 9,000 for a total of 273,000, the Alagnak River total escapement is 203,000, the Kvichak River total escapement is 742,000, and the Kvichak inriver estimate is 300,000 fish. There was no fishing on July 1. There are currently 192 vessels registered to fish and there will be 235 in 48 hours.

Reports from the fishing period this morning indicate a relatively small harvest. Naknek River escapement is tracking the lower bound of the escapement goal curve. Naknek River has been low in the Port Moller Test Fishery stock composition estimates, so there is concern that Naknek River might be returning below the forecast of 3.89 million fish. Kvichak River is currently projecting to exceed the lower bound of the escapement goal.

We are collecting more information before making the next announcement. Permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak District should stand by at 8:00 p.m. tonight, Thursday, July 2.

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