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Bristol Bay Eastside Salmon Announcement #22

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in King Salmon with an update for permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak and Egegik districts. The time is 9:00 a.m. and the date is Saturday, July 4.

On July 3, the Naknek River escapement was 55,000 for a total of 372,000, the Alagnak River escapement was 78,000 for a total of 253,000, which is in the escapement goal, the Kvichak River escapement was 153,000 for a total of 1.0 million and the Kvichak inriver estimate is 200,000 fish. Harvest on July 3 was an estimated 350,000. There are currently 234 vessels registered to fish and there will be 248 in 48 hours.

Naknek River escapement is tracking the lower bound of the escapement goal curve based on average run timing. However, Port Moller Test Fish indices indicate early run timing and escapement is projected to be below the escapement goal if the run comes in 2 days earlier than average. The Kvichak River is currently projecting to exceed the lower bound of the escapement goal.

The Egegik District could be restricted to the Egegik Special Harvest Area (ESHA) as soon as 3:15 a.m. Monday, July 6. When fishing in the ESHA dual drift vessels are restricted to fishing with 150 fathoms and the extra 50 fathoms must be removed from the vessel. The 48-hour transfer period into Egegik District will remain in effect. Permit holders in Egegik District should review **5 AAC 06.359 for boundaries of the ESHA.**

The Kvichak River Special Harvest Area could open to set gillnets as soon as 6:30 a.m. Monday, July 6. Gear groups fish separately with a seasonal ratio of 3 drift gillnet periods to one drift gillnet period. Permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak District should review **5 AAC 06.374 Kvichak River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan** for boundary lines and gear specifications. Set gillnet permit holders in the Naknek-Kvichak District should review **5 AAC 06.373 Alagnak River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.**

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