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Westside Salmon Announcement 24 **Emergency Order 23**

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 24 issued Tuesday, July 7, at 9:00 a.m.

The Nushagak River king salmon escapement was 607 yesterday, for a cumulative of 30,417. We are currently estimating that 82% of the king salmon run has passed the sonar and projecting king salmon escapement of 37,032 by seasons end. The Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement was 37,000 yesterday for a cumulative of 2.9 million. The Wood River sockeye salmon daily escapement was 48,000 yesterday for cumulative of 2.2 million. The Igushik River sockeye salmon escapement was 35,000 yesterday and 6,000 this morning for a cumulative of 286,000. All rivers in the Nushagak District have surpassed their escapement midpoints. The transfer period into the Nushagak District and between stat areas within the Nushagak District is waived effective immediately. Permit holders are reminded that they must still transfer, but do not have to wait to fish.

There are 278 vessels and 391 permits registered to fish in the Nushagak District.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak District opened at 8:00 a.m. July 7. That opening is extended until further notice.

The cumulative harvest percentages are currently 75% drift, 25% set. Commercial fishing with set gillnets in the Wood River Special Harvest Area is extended until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.

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

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