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Advisory Announcement

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Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Subsistence Salmon and Shellfish Fishery Announcement #01

In response to COVID-19, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will distribute 2020 Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands salmon and shellfish subsistence permits by mail and email in addition to issuing permits in person at local ADF&G offices. Subsistence salmon and shellfish permits will be mailed to all 2019 permit holders that returned last year's permits. Alaska residents that did not receive a subsistence permit for 2019 and would like to participate in subsistence harvest in 2020, please contact the local Dutch Harbor, Sand Point, or Cold Bay ADF&G offices. Any resident participating in subsistence harvest must possess a subsistence permit.

If you have not yet returned your completed 2019 subsistence permits, please mail them to the local Dutch Harbor, Sand Point, or Cold Bay Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices, email a scanned copy, deposit permits in the drop box by the front office door, or call the Dutch Harbor, Sand Point, or Cold Bay offices to report last year's harvest. Subsistence users are still required to record all fish and shellfish harvested for the entirety of the 2020 season. Subsistence salmon permits should be returned to the address listed on the permit by October 31, 2020, and shellfish permits should be returned to the address listed on the permit by January 31, 2021.

Due to the potential delay in issuing subsistence permits by mail, subsistence users in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area are permitted to subsistence fish for salmon and shellfish without a permit as long as they have contacted area ADF&G staff prior to subsistence fishing. Unalaskan residents receiving 2020 permits should note that salmon and shellfish permits will be mailed separately by the Kodiak and Dutch Harbor offices respectively and permits may arrive on different dates.

Only Alaska residents may participate in subsistence harvest. Alaska Resident per AS 16.05.415(a): "resident" means a person (including an alien) who is physically present in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely and make a home here, has maintained that person's domicile in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license, and is not claiming residency or obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country; a member of the military service or U.S. Coast Guard who has been permanently stationed in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license; or a dependent of a resident member of the military service or U.S. Coast Guard who has lived in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding this application for a license. A person who does not otherwise qualify as a resident may not qualify by virtue of an interest in an Alaska business.

Individuals seeking a subsistence permit for salmon should call or email the South Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Assistant Area Management Biologists Tyler Lawson at

tyler.lawson@alaska.gov or Cassandra Whiteside at cassandra.whiteside@alaska.gov or call the Sand Point ADF&G office at 907-383-2066.

For information on Unalaska shellfish permits contact the Dutch Harbor Alaska Department of Fish and Game office at 907-581-1239 or dfg.dutchharbor@alaska.gov.

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