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SOUTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE

By Board of Fisheries regulation, the King Salmon Management Plan for Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, and the Unalakleet River will go into effect beginning on June 15. Before June 15 subsistence fishing remains open 7 days a week.

In the Unalakleet River beginning on June 15, the subsistence gillnet fishing schedule is from 8 a.m. Mondays until 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8 a.m. Fridays until 8 p.m. Saturdays. There are no gillnet mesh size restrictions. This schedule is in effect through July 15 unless changed by emergency order.

The first closure to subsistence fishing in the Unalakleet River will be at midnight on the evening of June 14. Except for the scheduled subsistence fishing periods, the Unalakleet River drainage from downstream of the North River and the North River drainage will close to all subsistence fishing, except for dip nets and cast nets. Any king salmon caught in a cast net or dip net must be immediately returned to the water. The subsistence net fishing closure will extend out to the marine waters within 500 yards of the Unalakleet River mouth. Also, gillnets with a mesh size greater than 4 inches will not be allowed in the Unalakleet River upstream of the North River confluence except during the subsistence fishing periods. Set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches or less may continue to be fished daily in the Unalakleet River drainage upstream of the North River confluence.

From June 15, the marine waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, will be open to subsistence fishing for two 48-hour periods each week. The marine water subsistence fishing schedule will be from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. There are no gillnet mesh size restrictions. This schedule is in effect unless changed by emergency order in late June. The first closure to the marine fishing schedule in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts will be at 6:00 p.m. June 15.

Beach seining for salmon in all of Subdistricts 5 and 6 waters is closed until July 1, and then will be open through August 10 with mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches, or smaller, and all king salmon must be released to the water immediately unharmed.

For any questions regarding this announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or Unalakleet at 907-624-3921.