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Advisory Announcement

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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOME, UNALAKLEET, SHAKTOOLIK, PORT CLARENCE SUBDISTRICTS, AND THE PILGRIM RIVER.

In the Nome Subdistrict the summer subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule will go into effect June 15 by regulation. Marine waters **east** of Cape Nome will be open 7 days per week. All Nome Subdistrict freshwater subsistence areas and the marine waters **west** of Cape Nome will be open to gillnet fishing from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Monday each week. Effective June 15, beach seines, dip nets, and cast net can be used for salmon and will be open in all subsistence areas of the Nome Subdistrict whenever subsistence gillnet fishing is open. Unless closed by emergency order, beach seining will remain open during gillnet fishing periods through August 15. Additionally, the Sinuk River will close to subsistence salmon fishing on June 15 and reopen to subsistence fishing using only beach seines with the non-retention of sockeye salmon on the weekly Subdistrict 1 fishing schedule of 6:00 p.m. Wednesday through 6:00 p.m. Monday. Any sockeye salmon caught in the Sinuk River subsistence beach seine fishery must be returned to the water unharmed.

In the Nome subdistrict all nets must be removed from all fresh waters and in marine waters west of Cape Nome on Monday, June 17, by 6:00 p.m.

In Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6), the King Salmon Management Plan will go into effect beginning June 15. Before June 15 subsistence fishing remains open 7 days a week.

Beginning June 15 in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6), marine and fresh waters will close to subsistence fishing to conserve king salmon in an effort to achieve escapement goals. The first closure to subsistence fishing in the fresh and salt waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will be at midnight on the evening of June 14. 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 unharmed. Set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches, or less, may continue to be fished in the Unalakleet River drainage upstream of the North River confluence. Beach seining for salmon in all of Subdistricts 5 and 6 waters is closed.

The Port Clarence District, excluding the Pilgrim River, will close to subsistence fishing on June 15 and immediately reopen with gear restricted to beach seines only with non-retention of sockeye salmon. Any sockeye salmon caught during subsistence beach seining operations in Port Clarence must be returned to the water unharmed. The department plans on rescinding the beach seining only restrictions in the Port Clarence District by July 1; however, beach seining with non-retention of sockeye salmon may be extended depending on inseason abundance estimates.

The Pilgrim River will close to all net fishing effective at midnight Wednesday, June 14, which include the lower Kuzitrin River 300 yards upstream from the mouth and in the entire Pilgrim River and its tributaries until further notice. The department is closing the Pilgrim River to net fishing because recent weak escapements have not met

the sockeye salmon escapement goals for the system. If escapement projections indicate the Pilgrim River escapement goal range of 6,800 to 36,000 sockeye salmon will be attained, the department will reopen the subsistence fishery to net fishing.

The department plans on monitoring systems with subsistence restrictions to determine if inseason abundance indicators will allow the easing of subsistence restriction due to abundance being better than preseason forecasts.

Subsistence salmon permits are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store. All Norton Sound subsistence permits are free, and all Alaska resident households are qualified to receive a permit. The department is encouraging everyone to get their permits online. If you are unable to get your permit online the department can issue a permit at the Nome office. Village residents can call the office at 1-800-560-2271 if they are unable to get their permit online.

For any questions regarding this Advisory Announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.