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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE PORT CLARENCE DISTRICT.

The Port Clarence District, excluding the Pilgrim River, will open on a schedule of 2 48-hour periods per week for subsistence fishing starting at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, and then from 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 4, through 12:00 p.m. Saturday, July 6, for all legal gear types (which includes gillnets). Openings for subsistence fishing will subsequently open again for 2 48-hour periods from 12:00 p.m. Monday, July 8, through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, and again from 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11, through 12:00 p.m. Saturday, July 13, with all legal gear types. Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, July 15, subsistence fishing in the Port Clarence District, excluding the Pilgrim River, will open continuously with all legal gear types for the remainder of the season. The department is attempting to conserve sockeye salmon while allowing for subsistence opportunity. After July 15, the bulk of the sockeye run should have passed through the Port Clarence District, excluding the Pilgrim River, and opening continuously is not expected to have detrimental effects on sockeye salmon escapement.

All other subsistence fishing schedules and closures in the Port Clarence and Norton Sound Districts are unaffected by this advisory announcement.

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.