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Advisory Announcement

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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING IN SUBDISTRICTS 5 AND 6.

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in Nome for subsistence fishermen in Subdistricts 5 and 6.

Subsistence Fishing in Subdistricts 5 and 6:

- Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 1, fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open to beach seine gear with mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches or less in all fresh waters with non-retention of king salmon. Any king salmon caught while beach seining must be returned immediately to the water alive.
- Effective: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 16, marine waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open to subsistence fishing with mesh size restricted to 6 inches or less.

As Previously Announced:

• Fresh water of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will remain closed to gillnet fishing except in the Unalakleet River upstream of the North River confluence where set gillnets with mesh size restricted to 4 inches or less is allowed to target non-salmon species.

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.

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

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.