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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN THE PILGRIM RIVER

Subsistence salmon fishing

Pilgrim River:

- Effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 15, subsistence fishing will be open to all net gear.
- The annual per-household limit is:
 - 3 king salmon and,
 - 25 sockeye salmon.

Recent escapement projections for sockeye salmon at the Pilgrim River weir suggest that the Pilgrim River (Salmon Lake) escapement goal will be achieved with a harvestable surplus for subsistence users. As of July 10th, 4,196 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir and the season projection is for an escapement of over 25,000 fish. This estimate falls within the sustainable escapement goal range of 6,800 to 36,000 sockeye salmon.

A Pilgrim River Salmon Subsistence Permit is required for participating in this fishery. Subsistence users are reminded that failure to adhere to annual per-household limits may result in fines and/or forfeiture of gear and fish.

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, but 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.