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SOUTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON OPENING

As discussed at meetings in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet yesterday the department will have one subsistence salmon fishing period in the marine waters of Shaktoolik and Unalakleet weekly and will attempt to schedule this period during favorable weather conditions.

The marine waters of Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, will have a 36-hour fishing period from noon Wednesday, June 19 until midnight Thursday evening, June 20. This period applies only to the marine waters from Cape Denbigh south to Black Point and gillnets are restricted to 50 fathoms in length and a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

The Unalakleet River floating weir installation has started. The weir is a cooperative project of Fish & Game, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDG), Native Village of Unalakleet and BLM with major funding provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Office of Subsistence Management.

The North River tower crew and Shaktoolik River sonar crew have begun project operations. Both projects are operated by NSEDG and the department thanks NSEDG for providing financial support for escapement projects throughout Norton Sound for over two decades.