

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Sam Rabung, Director

Headquarters Office
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement

For Immediate Release: June 12, 2020

CONTACT: Jim Menard or Kevin Clark

**Norton Sound Area Manager & Asst. Area Manager
(907) 443-5167 (800) 560-2271**

NOME SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE

By Board of Fisheries regulation on June 15 the summer subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule is in effect in the Nome Subdistrict. The marine waters **east** of Cape Nome will continue to be open 7 days a week. All Nome Subdistrict freshwater subsistence areas and the marine waters **west** of Cape Nome will be open to gillnet fishing for five days each week from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Monday. Effective June 15, beach seining for salmon 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. Dip nets and cast nets can be also be used any time gillnet fishing is open.

The first-time nets must be removed from all fresh-water Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 15. Likewise, all nets must be removed from Nome Subdistrict marine waters west of Cape Nome at 6 p.m. Monday, June 15.

Subsistence salmon permits are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store. This web address will bring you to the Fish & Game store and you can create a Fish & Game account or continue to sign in as a guest. Once signed in then go to "Fishing & Shellfish Permits" and scroll down through the list of permits available. All Alaska resident households are qualified to receive a permit and all Norton Sound subsistence permits are free. 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 but only one person at a time will be allowed in the office to receive subsistence permits. Village residents can call the office at 1-800-560-2271 if they are unable to get their permit online.

Also, effective June 15 all gillnet and beach seine fishing upstream of Boulder Creek on the Sinuk River will be closed. This closure is in effect to protect migrating sockeye salmon that hold in the Sinuk River bridge area before reaching the spawning grounds.

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

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>