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NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING CHANGE AT PILGRIM RIVER

Throughout Norton Sound subsistence salmon fishing remains open 7 days a week, except for the fresh-water subsistence areas in the Nome Subdistrict.

In the Nome Subdistrict the subsistence net fishing schedule for fresh-water subsistence areas is from 6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Mondays. This schedule will remain in effect through August 31. Drift gillnetting is not allowed, and beach seining is no longer allowed in Nome Subdistrict.

In Port Clarence District the Pilgrim River sockeye subsistence catch limit is raised to 50 fish for the season. The Pilgrim River weir is no longer operating but an aerial survey has shown sockeye salmon continuing to move upriver into Salmon Lake and the Pilgrim River weir count would have likely surpassed 15,000 sockeyes this year. Although the chance getting 50 sockeye salmon this late in the season may be difficult, raising the limit will allow permit holders who have reached the previous limit of 25 sockeyes to get a few more fish if they so desire.

Here are the cumulative escapement counts in Norton Sound:

North River: 1,000 silvers
Shaktoolik River: 2,000 silvers
Ungalik River: 1,300 silvers
Inglutalik River: 1,200 silvers
Kwiniuk River: 3,500 silvers
Solomon River: 400 silvers
Nome River: 700 silvers
Snake River: 300 silvers

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/>