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Advisory Announcement
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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING WILL OPEN IN THE UNALAKLEET AND SHAKTOOLIK SUBDISTRICTS.

The marine waters of Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6) will open for a 24-hr period from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, through 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 25, with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or less. Dip nets and cast nets may be used in the North River, downstream of the North River, and Unalakleet River confluence; however, any king salmon caught must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. Set gillnets with a mesh size of 4-inches or less may be used in the Unalakleet River upstream from its confluence with the North River.

As previously announced, the Pilgrim River closed to all net fishing effective at midnight Wednesday, June 14, which includes the lower Kuzitrin River 300 yards upstream from its mouth and in the entire Pilgrim River and its tributaries until further notice. Additionally, the Nome Subdistrict remains on a subsistence fishing schedule in marine waters west of Cape Nome and in all fresh waters of the Nome Subdistrict from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays till 6:00 p.m. Mondays. Marine waters of the Nome Subdistrict east of Cape Nome remain open 7 days per week.

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.