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## SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING INFORMATIONAL UPDATE FOR UNALAKLEET AND SHAKTOOLIK SUBDISTRICTS.

Subsistence fishing in marine waters of Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6) will open 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 7 days per week and any king salmon caught with beach seines must be released immediately unharmed.

The fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will remain closed to subsistence net fishing including beach seines, cast nets, and dip nets. 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.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 31, subsistence fishing in the fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open targeting coho salmon. Gillnets, beach seines, cast nets, and dip net are allowed gear; however, king salmon caught in beach seines, cast nets, and dip nets must be released immediately unharmed.

King, chum, and pink salmon returns in Subdistricts 5 and 6 continue to be poor. The department is reopening subsistence fishing with nets in the marine waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 to allow subsistence opportunity for coho salmon. Historical run timing indicates the king and chum salmon runs will not be susceptible to harvest in marine waters. The department will reopen freshwater subsistence net fishing on Monday, July 31, to allow for subsistence opportunity for coho salmon. At this date nearly all king and chum salmon will have passed through lower river fisheries.

For any questions regarding this Advisory Announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.