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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING IN SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for subsistence salmon fishing in Shaktoolik (Subdistrict 5) and Unalakleet (Subdistrict 6).

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5 and 6:

- Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 open to the retention of chum salmon caught in beach seine gear with mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches, or less.

As Previously Announced:

- Any king salmon caught in beach seines must be returned to the water immediately unharmed.
- Marine and fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 remain closed to gillnet fishing, except in the Unalakleet River upstream of the North River confluence where set gillnets with mesh size restricted to 4 inches, or less, are allowed to target non-salmon species.

The department flew aerial surveys in Subdistricts 5 and 6 over the weekend and noted that king salmon are still migrating to spawning grounds. Salmon escapement projects in southern Norton Sound are currently operational and have recently observed king salmon moving through the lower rivers. To conserve king salmon, subsistence fisheries using gillnets will remain closed and beach seines must release kings immediately unharmed.

The department plans on monitoring escapement data to assess future subsistence fishing opportunities. In late July the department will transition to management based on the abundance of coho salmon.

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