

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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NEWS RELEASE**



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**KUZITRIN AND PILGRIM RIVERS REOPEN TO NET FISHING SATURDAY**

Sockeye salmon escapement past the Pilgrim River weir has improved the last several days with over 1,000 fish passing the weir. The cumulative passage at the weir this year is 7,400 sockeye salmon. Enough sockeye salmon should reach Salmon Lake by Saturday to achieve the escapement goal range at Salmon Lake of 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey.

Therefore, the Lower Kuzitrin River and Pilgrim River previously closed to all net fishing will reopen effective 12 noon, Saturday, August 2.

Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a subsistence salmon permit is required to harvest salmon in Pilgrim River and Kuzitrin River. Catch limits are still in effect and are listed on the back of the Pilgrim River permit and the Port Clarence District permit that includes Kuzitrin River.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season.

North River: 2,300 kings, 10,000 chums, 150,000 pinks, 30 silvers  
Unalakleet River: 1,000 kings, 40,000 chums, 1,200,000 pinks, 900 silvers  
Kwiniuk River: 400 kings, 40,000 chums, 325,000 pinks, 700 silvers  
Fish River: 900 kings, 45,000 chums, 200,000 pinks, 1,100 silvers  
Eldorado River: 27,000 chums, 47,000 pinks  
Solomon River: 1,200 chums, 17,000 pinks, 12 silvers  
Nome River: 4,400 chums, 80,000 pinks, 25 silvers  
Snake River: 3,300 chums, 14,000 pinks  
Pilgrim River: 10,000 chums, 4,000 pinks, 10 silvers  
Glacial Lake: 4,000 sockeyes

Good Luck and Good Fishing!