

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SUBSISTENCE GILLNET FISHING SCHEDULE WEST OF CAPE NOME EXPANDED**

Subsistence set gillnet fishing time in Nome Subdistrict marine waters west of Cape Nome is now expanded to 7 days a week. The marine waters east of Cape Nome are also open to subsistence set gillnet fishing 7 days a week. The fresh water subsistence areas set gillnet fishing schedule in Nome Subdistrict will remain the same with fishing periods from 6 p.m. Monday to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday to 6 p.m. Saturday. Beach seining is not allowed.

The Nome Subdistrict is being managed for silver (coho) salmon. Previous to August 16, the subsistence set gillnet fishing schedule in marine waters west of Cape Nome was from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Effective August 16, regulations allow for subsistence set gillnet fishing 7 days a week unless the department has concerns of achieving silver salmon escapement. Historically by mid-August silver salmon are at the quarter point of run in Nome Subdistrict and at this time there are no concerns with the run based on escapement counts in local rivers and escapement counts seen in rivers with earlier run timing to the east and south of Nome Subdistrict.

Fishermen are reminded to check the back of the Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit for catch limits in the fresh water areas. Catch limits for pink salmon have been waived and chum salmon catch limits have been waived except for the Solomon, Penny and Cripple rivers. There are no catch limits in the marine waters.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound this season:

North River: 1,500 silvers  
Unalakleet River: 23,000 silvers  
Shaktoolik River: 3,000 silvers  
Kwiniuk River: 7,000 silvers  
Fish River: 10,000 silvers  
Solomon River: 50 silvers  
Nome River: 300 silvers  
Snake River: 80 silvers  
Pilgrim River: 125 silvers