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NOME SUBDISTRICT SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE

The Nome Subdistrict subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule goes into effect June 15, 2015.

A Nome Subdistrict subsistence permit is required to harvest salmon when subsistence fishing in all marine waters and fresh waters flowing into Norton Sound from Cape Rodney to Rocky Point. Permits are free and are issued at the Nome Fish & Game office on Front Street. Please bring a State of Alaska i.d. or another i.d. that indicates Alaska residency.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all marine waters of Nome Subdistrict west of Cape Nome is from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Saturday. Marine waters east of Cape Nome will remain open seven days a week for subsistence gillnet fishing. Gillnets up to 300 feet in length are allowed in marine waters. No drift netting is allowed.

The weekly gillnet fishing schedule for all fresh waters of the Nome Subdistrict is from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 6 p.m. Thursday until 6 p.m. Saturday. The fresh water areas open to gillnet fishing are listed on the permit. Gillnets up to 50 feet in length are allowed. No more than one-half of any channel may be blocked by gillnets and no drift netting is allowed.

Beach seining is allowed during subsistence gillnet fishing periods from June 15 through July 25.

Subsistence hook and line fishing is open at all times. Sport fish bag limits apply when subsistence fishing with hook and line outside of Nome Subdistrict subsistence areas. Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict permit for the subsistence areas. Fishermen are reminded that the Penny and Cripple rivers are closed to both sport and subsistence chum salmon fishing.

The last two year's chum salmon runs ranked the highest and third highest in over 25 years and although the department does not expect the run to be as large as the previous two years another good run is expected. Coho salmon are expected to have good run in 2015 and also pink salmon for an odd-numbered year.

Check the back of the Nome Subdistrict permit for the household catch limits for the fresh water subsistence areas. Catch limits vary by river.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!