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LOWER UNALAKLEET RIVER TO CLOSE TO TROUT GILLNETS

Effective noon, Sunday, June 12 the lower Unalakelet River downstream of the confluence of the North River will close to fishing with trout gillnets. The Unalakelet River had previously been closed to gillnets with a mesh size of larger than four inches. However, concern has been expressed to department that trout nets, those with a four inch or less mesh size, have been catching king salmon. To further protect king salmon the department is closing the ocean from 500 yards on each side of the Unalakelet River upstream to the North River confluence to gillnet fishing with gillnets that have a mesh size of four inches or less. This closure will remain in effect until July 1.