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NEWS RELEASE**



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UNALAKLEET RIVER TO OPEN TO GILLNETS WITH 4½ INCH MESH

Effective 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 15 the lower Unalakleet River downstream of the confluence of the North River that was previously closed to net fishing will reopen for 24 hours to set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or less.

Fishers are reminded that the maximum net length for the Unalakleet River is 25 fathoms. This is a set gillnet opening only and no more than one-half of any channel can be blocked at any stage of the tide.

All nets must be out of the lower Unalakleet River downstream of the North River by 8 a.m. Thursday, June 16.

Periodically the department plans to reopen the lower Unalakleet River in June to set gillnets as long as king salmon escapement is expected to be met.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!