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SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE CATCH LIMIT WAIVED AT PILGRIM

Over 7,000 sockeye salmon have now passed the Pilgrim River weir. Historically by mid-July one-third of the sockeye salmon has passed the weir. Run timing projections show a final count of over 20,000 sockeye salmon for the season. The escapement goal range at Salmon Lake is 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey. A survey yesterday estimated over 3,000 sockeye salmon in Salmon Lake and Grand Central River. Therefore, the department has waived the subsistence sockeye salmon catch limit in the Pilgrim River.

Subsistence salmon permit holders who have already turned in their permits at the Nome Fish & Game office can pick them up if they want to fish at Pilgrim River again.

Here are the cumulative escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 370 kings, 24,000 chums, 2.6 million pinks
North River: 430 kings, 12,000 chums, 500,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 350 kings, 14,000 chums, 800,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 3,300 kings, 32,000 chums, 33,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 130 kings, 7,300 chums, 1 million pinks
Fish River: 800 kings, 60,000 chums, 300,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 12,000 chums, 2,400 pinks
Pilgrim River: 23 kings, 5,000 chums, 600 pinks, 7,000 sockeyes
Nome River: 2,200 chums, 125,000 pinks, 20 sockeyes
Snake River: 850 chums, 4,000 pinks
Solomon River: 600 chums, 7,000 pinks

Good Luck and Good Fishing!