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SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE CATCH LIMIT WAIVED AT PILGRIM

Over 1,800 sockeye salmon passed through the Pilgrim River weir yesterday and that brings the weir passage this season to over 9,000 sockeyes. Historically by the end of the first week of July the average sockeye salmon passage through the weir is 10% of the run, but has been as high as 35% of the run. The escapement goal range at Salmon Lake is 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey. The department has waived the subsistence sockeye salmon catch limit in the Pilgrim River.

Here are the cumulative escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 1,600 kings, 44,000 chums, 58,000 pinks, 350 sockeyes, 10 silvers
North River: 630 kings, 7,000 chums, 95,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 700 kings, 40,000 chums, 62,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 1,900 kings, 29,000 chums, 75,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 21 kings, 16,000 chums, 1,900 pinks
Fish River: 144 kings, 70,000 chums, 58,000 pinks
Solomon River: 130 chums, 15 pinks
Eldorado River: 13,000 chums, 100 pinks
Nome River: 385 chums, 35 pinks, 11 sockeyes
Snake River: 120 chums
Pilgrim River: 17 kings, 1,500 chums, 50 pinks, 9,300 sockeyes