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SOUTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON OPENING

As discussed at village meetings earlier this season there will one 24-hour subsistence salmon fishing period each week in the marine waters of Shaktoolik and Unalakleet during favorable weather conditions.

The marine waters of Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts will have a 24-hour fishing period from noon Tuesday, June 12 to noon Wednesday, June 13. This period applies only to the marine waters from Cape Denbigh south to Black Point and set gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

The Unalakleet River floating weir installation has been delayed because of high water. As soon as water levels permit the weir will be installed.

The weir is cooperative project of Fish & Game, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC), Native Village of Unalakleet and BLM with major funding provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Office of Subsistence Management.

Also as soon as water levels drop and water clarity improves the North River tower crew will begin operations. The tower is operated by NSEDC and the department thanks NSEDC for their support of nearly two decades operating and providing financial support for escapement projects throughout Norton Sound.