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SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE CATCH LIMIT WAIVED AT PILGRIM

Over 600 sockeye salmon passed through the Pilgrim River weir yesterday and that brings the weir passage this season to over 7,000 sockeyes. Historically the average first quarter point of sockeye passage at the weir has been July 12. The escapement goal range at Salmon Lake is 4,000 to 8,000 sockeye salmon observed by aerial survey. Because escapement is ensured the department has waived the subsistence sockeye salmon catch limit in the Pilgrim River.

Cumulative escapement counts are:

Unalakleet River: 566 kings, 26,000 chums
North River: 500 kings, 9,000 chums, 200,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 600 kings, 24,000 chums, 130,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 150 kings, 9,000 chums, 1,200 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 45 kings, 22,000 chums, 340,000 pinks
Solomon River: 200 chums, 10,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 10 kings, 12,000 chums, 700 pinks
Nome River: 600 chums, 200,000 pinks, 15 sockeyes
Snake River: 300 chums, 12,000 pinks
Pilgrim River: 19 kings, 1,350 chums, 550 pinks, 7,000 sockeyes