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CHANGES TO EASTERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE FISHING

A surge of king salmon at the escapement counting projects this weekend has allowed the department to project that the king salmon escapement goal will be reached.

Norton Bay Subdistrict

Subsistence fishing is open 7 days a week. There are no gillnet mesh size restrictions and king salmon may be kept when beach seining. Gillnets are restricted to 50 fathoms in aggregate length and cannot block more than one-half of any channel.

Shaktoolik Subdistrict

The regular subsistence fishing schedule is now in effect with no mesh restrictions for gillnets and salmon may be taken for two 48-hour fishing periods a week in the marine waters from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. In fresh waters subsistence fishing is open 7 days a week.

Gillnets are restricted to 50 fathoms in aggregate length and cannot block more than one-half of any channel and king salmon may be kept when beach seining. Beach seine mesh size is restricted to 4 ½ inches or smaller.

Unalakleet Subdistrict

The regular subsistence fishing schedule is now in effect with no mesh size restrictions and salmon may be taken for two 48-hour fishing periods a week in the marine waters from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays. Gillnets are restricted to 50 fathoms in aggregate length.

In the Unalakleet River drainage the regular subsistence fishing schedule is now in effect with no mesh size restrictions and salmon may be taken for two 36-hour fishing periods a week from 8:00 a.m. Mondays until 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8:00 a.m. Fridays until 8:00 p.m. Saturdays. Gillnets are restricted to 25 fathoms in aggregate length and cannot block more than one-half of any channel. All gillnets must be anchored; no drift gillnetting is allowed. King salmon may be kept when beach seining. Beach seine mesh size is restricted to 4 ½ inches or smaller.