



Advisory Announcement
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SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOME, UNALAKLEET, SHAKTOOLIK, PORT CLARENCE SUBDISTRICTS, AND THE PILGRIM RIVER.

In the Nome Subdistrict the summer subsistence salmon gillnet fishing schedule will go into effect June 15 by regulation:

- Effective June 15, marine waters **east** of Cape Nome will be open 7 days per week.
- Effective June 15, all Nome Subdistrict freshwater subsistence areas and the marine waters **west** of Cape Nome will be open to gillnet fishing from 6 p.m. Wednesdays until 6 p.m. Mondays each week.
- Effective June 15, beach seines, dip nets, and cast nets can be used for salmon and will be open in all subsistence areas of the Nome Subdistrict whenever subsistence gillnet fishing is open unless closed by emergency order through August 15.

In the Nome subdistrict all nets must be removed from all fresh waters and marine waters west of Cape Nome on Monday, June 16, by 6:00 p.m.

In Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6), the King Salmon Management Plan will go into effect beginning June 15. Before June 15 subsistence fishing remains open 7 days a week.

Shaktoolik and Unalakleet (Subdistricts 5 and 6):

- Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, marine and fresh waters will close to subsistence fishing to conserve king salmon in an effort to achieve escapement goals.
- Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, the Unalakleet River drainage from downstream of the North River and the North River drainage will close to all subsistence fishing, except for dip nets and cast nets.
- Set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches, or less, may continue to be fished in the Unalakleet River drainage upstream of the North River confluence.
- Beach seining for salmon in all of Subdistricts 5 and 6 waters is closed.
- Any king salmon caught in a cast net or dip net must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

The Port Clarence District and Pilgrim River:

- Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, permits are required for the retention of subsistence caught salmon.
- Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, Port Clarence will remain open 7 days per week/24 hours per day unless restricted by Emergency Order.
- Effective 12:01 a.m. June 15, the Pilgrim River opens for subsistence fishing utilizing the Pilgrim River Subsistence Permit with an initial household limit of 3 Chinook and 25 sockeye salmon annually.

The department will monitor systems and Subdistricts with subsistence restrictions to determine if inseason abundance indicators will allow easing of subsistence restriction due to abundance being better than preseason forecasts.

The Pilgrim River household limits may be liberalized if escapement projections indicate the Pilgrim River escapement goal range of 6,800 to 36,000 sockeye salmon will be attained.

Subsistence salmon permits are available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store. All Norton Sound subsistence permits are free, and all Alaska resident households are qualified to receive a permit. The department is encouraging everyone to get their permits online. If you are unable to get your permit online the department can issue a permit at the Nome office. Village residents can call the office at 1-800-560-2271 if they are unable to get their permit online.

For any questions regarding this Advisory Announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.