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SUBSISTENCE SOCKEYE SALMON CATCH LIMIT WAIVED AT THE PILGRIM RIVER

Pilgrim River subsistence salmon fishing:

- Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 4, annual per-household harvest limits for sockeye salmon will be waived.
- The annual per-household limit for king salmon remains 3 fish.

Recent escapement projections for sockeye salmon at the Pilgrim River weir suggest that the Pilgrim River (Salmon Lake) escapement goal will be achieved with a harvestable surplus for subsistence users. As of July 3, 2,059 sockeye salmon have passed through the weir and the season projection is for an escapement greater than the escapement goal range of 6,800–36,000 fish. The department is waiving per-household annual harvest limits provide additional subsistence fishing opportunity on surplus sockeye salmon.

A Pilgrim River Salmon Subsistence Permit is required for participating in this fishery. 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, but 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.