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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING IN SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Nome for subsistence salmon fishing in Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5 and Unalakleet Subdistrict 6.

**Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5 and 6:**

- Effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 4, Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open to beach seine gear with mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches or less, in all fresh waters with non-retention of king and chum salmon. Any king and chum salmon caught while beach seining must be returned immediately to the water alive.

**As Previously Announced:**

- Fresh water of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will remain closed to gillnet fishing except in the Unalakleet River upstream of the North River confluence where set gillnets with mesh size restricted to 4 inches or less are allowed to target non-salmon species.

All escapement monitoring projects in southern Norton Sound are currently inoperable due to high water, but the department has received reliable reports of pink salmon activity in Shaktoolik Bay and the mouth of the Unalakleet River. With the Unalakleet River weir no longer in operation and no salmon abundance indicators in southern Norton Sound rivers, retention of chum and king salmon in seine net gear is prohibited.

The department plans to fly aerial surveys in Subdistrict 5 and 6 rivers once recent high water levels have subsided. Results of these surveys will inform future decisions to liberalize subsistence harvest.

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