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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. Wednesday, July 1, Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open to beach seine gear restricted to 50 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and mesh size 3 ½ inches, or less, in all fresh waters with non-retention of king. Any king salmon caught while beach seining must be returned immediately to the water alive.

Marine and fresh waters 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.

Escapement monitoring projects in southern Norton Sound are currently operational and counts indicate that pink salmon have a harvestable surplus above escapement needs and chum salmon counts are currently tracking with historic average abundance. This subsistence opportunity utilizing beach seine gear in the freshwater systems in Subdistricts 5 and 6 is not expected to have negative effects on king salmon with the requirement to be released immediately unharmed.

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