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UPCOMING SOUTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE FISHING SCHEDULE

By Board of Fisheries regulation, the King Salmon Management Plan for Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, and the Unalakleet River will go in effect beginning on June 15. Before June 15 subsistence fishing remains open 7 days a week.

On the evening of June 14 at midnight 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. Any king salmon caught in a cast net or dip net must be immediately returned to the water. The subsistence net fishing closure will extend out to the marine waters within 500 yards of the Unalakleet River mouth. Also, gillnets with a mesh size greater than 4 inches will be not be allowed in the Unalakleet River upstream of the North River confluence. Set gillnets with a mesh size of 4 inches or less may continue to be fished daily in the Unalakleet River drainage upstream of the North River confluence.

On the evening of June 14 at midnight the marine waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from Cape Denbigh to Black Point will close to subsistence salmon fishing.

Beginning on June 15, Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, will be open to subsistence fishing in the marine waters for two 48-hour periods each week. The marine water subsistence fishing schedule will be from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday. There are no gillnet mesh size restrictions. This schedule is in effect through July 15 unless changed by emergency order.

In the Unalakleet River beginning on June 15 the subsistence gillnet fishing schedule is from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 p.m. Tuesday and from 8 a.m. Friday until 8 p.m. Saturday. There are no gillnet mesh size restrictions. This schedule is in effect through July 15 unless changed by emergency order.

Beach seining for salmon in all Subdistrict 5 and 6 waters is closed until July 1, and then will be open through August 10 with mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches or smaller and all king salmon must be released to the water immediately unharmed.

For any questions regarding this announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 1-800-560-2271.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, subsistence fishing is essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Subsistence fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>