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NORTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON PERMIT REQUIREMENT

A subsistence salmon permit is required when subsistence salmon fishing in northern Norton Sound. Permits are required for all marine and fresh waters of Subdistricts 1 through 3 (Nome, Golovin and Elim) and the Cape Woolley Subdistrict of the Norton Sound District, and the Port Clarence District. A separate permit for Pilgrim River and Salmon Lake is also required when fishing there. Catch limits in effect are listed on the permit for the rivers that have subsistence catch limits.

Rod and reel is a legal subsistence fishing gear in northern Norton Sound and a subsistence salmon permit or sport fish license is required when fishing with rod and reel for salmon.

Rod and reel is **not** a legal subsistence fishing gear in southern Norton Sound and a sport fish license is required when fishing with a rod and reel in State of Alaska open waters. However, no subsistence salmon permits are required in Southern Norton Sound waters when fishing with a net including the Norton Bay Subdistrict beginning at Bald Head, between Elim and Koyuk, to the southern Norton Sound District boundary at Point Romanof.

All marine waters and fresh waters are open to subsistence salmon fishing in Norton Sound until mid-June. On June 15 the subsistence fishing schedule will go into effect for the Nome Subdistrict and marine and fresh waters will be open to subsistence salmon fishing from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Monday, except for the marine waters east of Cape Nome that will remain open 7 days a week.

Only Alaska residents may participate in subsistence fishing. Subsistence salmon permits are free and available online. Residents can obtain permits anytime at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store and sign in as a guest or create a Fish and Game account. Then go to "Fishing and Subsistence Permits" and select the permits desired for the various fishing areas. Salmon Lake permits will only be issued at the Nome office in the fall if the department does open the lake to salmon fishing.

If a person is unable to get a permit online, permits can be obtained at the Nome Fish and Game office. Only one person at a time will be allowed into the office to get permits. The department thanks everyone in advance for your cooperation.

For any questions regarding this news release please call Fish & Game in Nome at 443-5167 or 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/>