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## **Advisory Announcement:**

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### **Cold Bay Subsistence Salmon Fishery Advisory Announcement #02 For Emergency Order #4-FS-M-CB-03-22**

**Effective 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, July 24, all waters of Reese Bay to the outlet stream terminus to McLees Lake are open to subsistence salmon fishing until further notice.** As of July 24, over 9,506 sockeye salmon have escaped into McLees Lake. Additionally, there are currently several hundred sockeye staging in the river behind the weir and in the saltwater just off of the stream terminus. ADF&G thus anticipates reaching the lower escapement goal of 10,000 sockeye salmon. Due to this level of escapement, the waters closed to subsistence salmon fishing in Reese Bay will be reduced to the McLees Lake outlet stream terminus with the ocean shoreline in order to provide additional opportunity for subsistence users.

Subsistence fishermen must obtain a permit and have it in their possession while harvesting salmon under subsistence guidelines. Salmon may only be taken for subsistence purposes from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. As a reminder to subsistence fishers in the Unalaska District, the waters of Reese Bay can at times be hazardous. Subsistence fishers are responsible for retrieving lost gear and removing salmon from their nets. In the event a net cannot be immediately retrieved, please contact the ADF&G Cold Bay office as soon as possible.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, Title VIII of ANILCA provides a subsistence priority for federally qualified rural residents.

Subsistence fishers are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations prior to subsistence fishing.

Information regarding salmon fishery announcements may be obtained from ADF&G in Cold Bay at 907-532-2419 or ADF&G in Sand Point at 383-2066.

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