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SOUTHERN NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHERY

By Board of Fisheries regulation, the King Salmon Management Plan for Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, and the Unalakleet River is in effect and from July 1 through August 10 beach seining is allowed 7 days a week unless changed by emergency order. Beginning July 1, in all waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6, salmon other than king salmon may be kept when beach seining. All king salmon caught when beach seining must be returned immediately to water unharmed. Beach seines must have a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller.

Subsistence gillnet fishing is currently closed. Subsistence fishing in marine and fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet, will open for one 24-hour period from 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 30, until 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 1. Gillnet mesh size will be restricted to a maximum of 6-inch stretched mesh.

Salmon escapement counting projects are becoming operational with seven projects currently reporting escapements. Salmon escapement reported have been weak for both king and chum salmon. The department thanks NSEDC for operating salmon counting projects for over two decades and aiding with department counting projects in Norton Sound.

Here are the salmon escapement counts through Tuesday:

Eldorado River: 1 pink
Kwiniuk River: 111 chums, 327 pinks
Niukluk River: 60 chums, 279 pinks
North River: 9 kings, 12 chum, 2,310 pinks
Pilgrim River: No fish have been reported passing the weir
Shaktoolik River: 198 kings, 366 chums, 11,598 pinks
Unalakleet River: 3 kings, 48 chums, 1,756 pinks