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Advisory Announcement

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Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #9

SUBSISTENCE SALMON FISHING IN SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6

Emergency Order: 3-Z-6S-26

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 22, all marine and fresh waters of Subdistricts 5 and 6 will open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to gillnet gear with mesh size restricted to 6 inches or less.

Historically, the bulk of the king salmon returns have migrated through marine and fresh water fisheries by this time and salmon harvest with gillnet gear with mesh size restricted to 6 inches or less is not expected to greatly influence king salmon escapements. Shaktoolik tower had begun to see coho salmon before temporarily halting operations on July 17, but North River tower has yet to see a coho salmon as of July 20. Opening both marine and fresh waters to subsistence gillnets will allow for additional subsistence opportunity for chum and pink salmon.

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