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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for two 48-hour periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Nome, Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts. In Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts fishing will be open from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 7, until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 9, and from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13. In the Nome Subdistrict fishing will be open from 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 7, until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 9, and from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13.

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for two 48-hour periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 8, and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 12. King salmon may not be sold but can be retained for personal use and must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of delivery.

Nets are restricted to 6-inch mesh size, or smaller, and 100 fathoms in aggregate length for all of Norton Sound Subdistricts.

Escapement goals for chum salmon have been attained, or are projected to be attained, in Norton Sound. Silver salmon continue to build in Norton Sound and when the silver salmon catch exceeds chum salmon catch the department will shift to managing based on silver salmon in the commercial fishery.

Most Norton Sound salmon escapement counting projects are operational again after being knocked out by high water. The department thanks Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation for over two decades of operating and supporting numerous salmon counting projects throughout Norton Sound.

Current salmon escapement in Norton Sound:

Inglutalik River: 177 kings, 6,000 chums, 38,000 pinks, 39 silvers
Kwiniuk River: 33 kings, 9,400 chums, 410,000 pinks, 15 sockeyes, 600 silvers
Niukluk River: 42 kings, 36,000 chums, 302,000 pinks, 900 sockeyes, 60 silvers
Nome River: 4 kings, 1,200 chums, 44,000 pinks, 11 sockeyes, 100 silvers
North River: 1,119 kings, 1,100 chums, 687,000 pinks, 66 sockeyes, 93 silvers
Pilgrim River: 31 kings, 2,200 chums, 6,000 pinks, 1,300 sockeyes, 2 silvers
Shaktoolik River: 975 kings, 13,300 chums, 1.4 million pinks, 160 sockeyes
Snake River: 3 kings, 3,500 chums, 44,000 pinks, 290 sockeyes, 12 silvers
Unalakleet River: 98 kings, 8,500 chums, 340 reds, 550 silvers
Ungalik River: 870 kings, 16,500 chums, 612,000 pinks, 42 sockeyes, 4,400 silvers