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PINK SALMON COMMERCIAL FISHING OPENS IN UNALAKLEET ON MONDAY

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open in Norton Sound Subdistrict 6, the Unalakleet Subdistrict, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, July 26. Gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller and 200 fathoms of gillnets in aggregate length.

Permit holders are reminded to check with the buyers to make sure there is market for their catch.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Experimental purse seining only will be open in Subdistricts 4 and 5, Norton Bay and Shaktoolik Subdistricts, for 30 hours from 6 p.m. Sunday until midnight July 26. Purse seines must comply with stipulations outlined on the commissioner's permit and all king and chum salmon must be returned immediately to the water alive. Any king or chum salmon mortality must be donated to local villages.

Unalakleet River: 475 kings, 13,000 chums, 900 sockeyes, 400 silvers

North River: 700 kings, 700 chums, 300,000 pinks

Shaktoolik River: 900 kings, 8,000 chums, 600,000 pinks, 100 sockeyes, 230 silvers

Ungalik River: 320 kings, 16,000 chums, 600,000 pinks, 4,400 sockeyes

Inglutalik River: 240 kings, 2,500 chums, 180,000 pinks

Kwiniuk River: 210 kings, 3,400 chums, 44,000 pinks, 120 sockeyes, 70 silvers

Eldorado River: 15 kings, 5,000 chums, 4,700 pinks, 45 sockeyes, 10 silvers

Nome River: 132 chums, 2,600 pinks, 6 sockeyes

Snake River: 1 king, 310 chums, 3,200 pinks, 60 sockeyes

Pilgrim River: 10 kings, 1,000 chums, 500 pinks, 3,300 sockeyes, 4 silvers

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is considered essential and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>