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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING IN NORTHERN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 48 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2, 3, and 4, the Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, until 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 24. Nets will be restricted to 6-inch stretched mesh, or less, and 100 fathoms in aggregate. Fish retained for personal use must be recorded on a fish ticket.

Escapements for chum salmon in the Nuikluk and Kwiniuk Rivers are above the minimal escapement objectives for those systems. Chum salmon escapement at projects in Subdistrict 4 indicate that chum salmon escapements are near historical escapements when commercial fisheries have occurred.

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

Current salmon escapement in Norton Sound:

Eldorado River: 3 king, 5,300 chums, 31,000 pinks, 13 reds
Inglutalkik River: 150 kings, 4,900 chums, 30,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 30 kings, 9,300 chums, 400,000 pinks, 15 reds
Niukluk River: 40 kings, 31,600 chums, 249,000 pinks, 880 reds
Nome River: 3 kings, 400 chums, 29,400 pinks, 9 reds
North River: 1,000 kings, 1,000 chums, 645,000 pinks, 54 reds
Pilgrim River: 11 kings, 610 chums, 2,800 pinks, 850 reds
Shaktoolik River: 970 kings, 13,000 chums, 1,400,000 pinks, 142 reds
Snake River: 2 kings, 1,160 chums, 23,000 pinks, 170 reds
Solomon River: 70 chums, 3,200 pinks
Unalakeet River: 85 kings, 4,000 chums, 230 reds, 1 coho
Ungalik River: 590 kings, 15,000 chums, 541,000 pinks