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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 48 hours periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1 through 6, the Nome, Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts. In the Nome Subdistrict fishing will be open from 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 22, until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24. In Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts, fishing will be open from 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 22, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24.

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

Norton Sound salmon escapement counting projects are beginning to wind down for the season. Silver salmon escapement has been below average but improved compared to last year. 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:

Kwiniuk River: 39 kings, 9,400 chums, 411,000 pinks, 15 sockeyes, 3,100 silvers
Niukluk River: 42 kings, 37,000 chums, 304,000 pinks, 900 sockeyes, 1,000 silvers
Nome River: 4 kings, 2,200 chums, 50,000 pinks, 13 sockeyes, 340 silvers
Snake River: 4 kings, 4,600 chums, 47,000 pinks, 450 sockeyes, 140 silvers