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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1-3

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1 through 3, the Nome, Golovin, and Elim Subdistricts. Subdistricts 2 and 3, the Golovin and Elim Subdistricts, will open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 28. The Nome Subdistrict will open to commercial salmon fishing from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27, until 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 28. These commercial fishing periods are directed chum salmon commercial periods with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

The outlook for chum salmon in the northern sections of Norton Sound is expected to be similar to last year and a harvestable surplus of chum salmon is available for directed commercial fishing.

Permit holders are reminded to ensure they have a market for their catch.

This commercial fishing period does not affect current subsistence fisheries schedules, restrictions, or closures.