

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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**COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NOME, GOLOVIN,
ELIM AND NORTON BAY SUBDISTRICTS**

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Nome, Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts, from 6 p.m. Monday, June 17 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

Permit holders must be in possession of a 2019 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2019 commercial crewmember's license or a 2019 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2019 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crewmember's license.

Because of high water this year the department and Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSED) expect delays in getting weirs and towers operational to count adult salmon escapement. The department forecast is for a well above average chum salmon run this year and the department will use harvest based management until the escapement counting projects are operational. Harvest based management compares the catch from a fishing period with catches from previous years during the similar dates and takes into consideration fishing effort and weather conditions. The short duration commercial fishing opening will allow utilization of the expected harvestable surplus of chum salmon while not jeopardizing subsistence or escapement needs.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!