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SUBDISTRICTS 2-6 COMMERCIAL FISHING TIME EXTENDED

Commercial salmon fishing will be extended for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2—6, Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Thursday. Gillnets are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length.

Because of capacity concerns the buyer had requested the opening period this week to be 24 hours with the possibility of an extension if catches did not exceed capacity. Extending the period another 24 hours will allow for a normal 48-hour fishing period and salmon passage continues to be good at the counting projects with escapement goals projected to be reached.

Here are the escapement counts from operational projects:

Unalakleet River: 5,800 kings, 22,000 chums, 440 sockeyes, 420,000 pinks*
North River: 2,800 kings, 4,500 chums, 520,000
Shaktoolik River: 2,500 kings, 11,000 chums, 1 million pinks
Inglutalik River: 160 kings, 12,000 chums, 35,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 63 kings, 8,800 chums, 53,000 pinks

* Picket spacing at Unalakleet weir allows most pinks to pass through without being counted.