SUBDISTRICTS 2-6 COMMERCIAL FISHING OPENS FRIDAY

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 72 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2—6; Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Monday. Gillnets are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length.

Local buyers have requested opening this week for a 72-hour period. 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: 6,000 kings, 25,000 chums, 500 sockeyes, 555,000 pinks*
North River: 3,000 kings, 5,400 chums, 870,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 2,600 kings, 13,000 chums, 1.6 million pinks
Inglutalik River: 160 kings, 14,000 chums, 44,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 78 kings, 9,600 chums, 93,000 pinks
Bonanza River: 3 kings, 120 chums, 1,200 pinks
Nome River: 180 chums, 42,000 pinks

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