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GOLOVIN SUBDISTRICT COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENS TONIGHT

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistrict 2, Golovin Subdistrict, from 6 p.m. Monday, June 29 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 30. 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 2020 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2020 commercial crewmember's license or a 2020 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2020 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crewmember's license.

During the Golovin Subdistrict commercial salmon fishing period ending Thursday night, the catch was 2,646 chums, 147 pinks, 10 kings and 4 sockeyes. The chum catch was well above average.

In the other subdistricts where fishing occurred the chum catch was below average, and the next expected fishing period would be midweek or later. High water has kept the southern Norton Sound salmon escapement projects from beginning operations. Most northern Norton Sound projects have begun counting operations.

Here are the escapement counts through Sunday.

Kwiniuk River: 150 chums, 117 pinks

Fish River: 330 chums, 318 pinks, 12 sockeyes, 12 kings

Bonanza River: 1 chum

Eldorado River: 27 chums, 75 pinks

Pilgrim River: No salmon counted. High water created some openings this weekend and weir is again fish tight.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>