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UPCOMING NORTON SOUND PINK SALMON COMMERCIAL FISHING PERIODS

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for gillnetting in Subdistricts 2 through 4, Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts, for 12 hours from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, July 30. Commercial salmon fishing will be open for gillnetting for 48 hours from 8 a.m. Friday, July 30 until 8 a.m. Sunday, August 1 in Subdistricts 5 and 6, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts. For all commercial fishing periods gillnets are restricted to a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller and 200 fathoms of gillnets in aggregate length.

Permit holders are reminded to check with the buyers to make sure there is market for their catch. There may be only one buyer in some of the subdistricts so staying in close contact with the buyer is essential in case there are any capacity issues.

High water knocked out all escapement counting projects on Monday, July 26, except the floating weirs at Pilgrim River and Unalakleet River.

Here are the escapement counts:

Unalakleet River: 500 kings, 14,000 chums, 1,300 sockeyes, 1,600 silvers

North River: 825 kings, 800 chums, 350,000 pinks

Shaktoolik River: 933 kings, 8,700 chums, 700,000 pinks, 100 sockeyes, 600 silvers

Ungalik River: 320 kings, 16,000 chums, 620,000 pinks, 4,400 sockeyes, 3 silvers

Inglutalik River: 250 kings, 3,100 chums, 210,000 pinks, 15 sockeyes, 9 silvers

Kwiniuk River: 220 kings, 3,700 chums, 62,000 pinks, 72 sockeyes, 430 silvers

Eldorado River: 15 kings, 6,300 chums, 5,400 pinks, 50 sockeyes, 10 silvers

Nome River: 220 chums, 4,500 pinks, 6 sockeyes

Snake River: 1 king, 700 chums, 5,100 pinks, 60 sockeyes

Pilgrim River: 11 kings, 1,600 chums, 700 pinks, 3,600 sockeyes, 5 silvers

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is considered essential 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>