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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING IN NORTHERN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 48 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Nome, Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts. In Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts fishing will be open from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31, until 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 2. In Nome Subdistrict fishing will be open from 9:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31 until 9:00 pm. Tuesday, August 2. Nets are restricted to 6-inch mesh size, or smaller, and 100 fathoms in aggregate length for all fishing periods.

Escapement goals for chum salmon have been reached in four of five rivers in northern Norton Sound and the goal in the fifth river is projected to be reached.

High water knocked out all Norton Sound counting projects earlier this week, but the farthest north weir projects of Nome, Snake, Solomon, and Pilgrim rivers are operational again and the crew at Niukluk River tower has resumed counting.

Silvers are starting to appear in Norton Sound rivers and when the silver salmon catch exceeds the chum salmon catch the department will shift to silver salmon management in the commercial fishery.