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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1-6

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1 through 3. Nome (Subdistrict 1) will open to commercial salmon fishing from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 6. Golovin (Subdistrict 2) and Elim (Subdistrict 3) will open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 6. These commercial fishing periods are directed chum salmon commercial periods with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 10 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 4 through 6, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts from 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7. These commercial fishing periods are directed pink salmon commercial periods with gillnet mesh size restricted to 4 ½ inches or smaller. King salmon may not be sold in Subdistricts 5 and 6 and all king salmon must be recorded on the fish ticket as “personal use” at the time of delivery.

The outlook for chum salmon in the northern sections of Norton Sound is expected to be similar to last year with a harvestable surplus of chum salmon for directed commercial fishing. In southern Norton Sound pink salmon are projected to have a harvestable surplus in excess of escapement and subsistence needs and restricting mesh size to 4 ½ inches will minimize potential impacts to weak king salmon runs.

Permit holders are reminded to ensure they have a market for their catch.