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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1 and 2**

Subdistrict 1 (Nome) will open for two 48-hour periods from 9:00 p.m. Monday, July 17, through 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, and from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, through 9:00 p.m. Saturday, July 22. Subdistrict 2 (Golovin) will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20. These commercial fishing periods are directed chum salmon periods with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

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, king, chum, and pink salmon escapement are below average and the department would like to allow for additional escapement prior to announcing another commercial period.

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