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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 3–6

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for two 48-hour periods in Elim (Subdistrict 3), Norton Bay (Subdistrict 4), Shaktoolik (Subdistrict 5), and Unalakleet (Subdistrict 6) from Thursday, August 10, until Saturday, August 12, and from Tuesday, August 15, until Thursday, August 17, with opening and closing time at 6:00 p.m. Gillnet mesh size will be restricted to 6 inches or smaller. King salmon incidentally caught during the openings in Subdistricts 5 and 6 may be retained for personal use but may not be sold. Any king salmon retained must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of delivery.

Monitoring projects indicate that coho salmon are beginning to return to the region in numbers adequate to meet escapement and subsistence needs at this time and these openings will be used to gauge early run strength in Subdistricts 3–6. This opener is not expected to negatively impact escapement of other salmon species, most of which have entered freshwater based on historical run timing.

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