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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1–6

In the Norton Sound District, Subdistrict 1 (Nome), will open for one 24-hour period from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 23, until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 24 hours in Golovin (Subdistrict 2), Norton Bay (Subdistrict 4), Shaktoolik (Subdistrict 5), and Unalakleet (Subdistrict 6) from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 23, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller. King salmon caught during this opening 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.

Subdistrict 2, the Elim Subdistrict, will open to commercial fishing for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, through 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 24, with gillnets restricted to 6 inches or less.

Norton Sound district coho salmon escapements are currently 10-40% complete based on their historical run timing and these short openers will be used to gauge if additional commercial fishing periods are warranted.

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