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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICT 3

In the Norton Sound District, Subdistrict 3 (Elim), will open for a 48-hour period from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 7, with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or less. Commercial fishing closes by regulation on Thursday, September 7, and the department is not planning scheduling additional commercial salmon fishing periods in Subdistrict 3 for the 2023 season.

The Kwiniuk River in the Elim Subdistrict has exceeded the escapement goal for that system indicating that there is a surplus of coho salmon available above escapement and subsistence needs available for commercial harvest. Elsewhere in the Norton Sound, coho salmon escapements are currently lagging behind historical averages. The department is forgoing scheduling additional commercial openings in other subdistricts to allow for additional escapement. Commercial fishing closes in Norton Sound by regulation on September 7.

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