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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1–6**

### **Commercial Salmon Fishing Periods by Subdistrict:**

#### **Nome Subdistrict 1**

- Commercial fishing will open for two 48-hour periods from 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, and again from 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 10, until 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 12.

#### **Golovin Subdistrict 2**

- Commercial fishing will open for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.

#### **Elim Subdistrict 3**

- Commercial fishing will open for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.

#### **Norton Bay Subdistrict 4**

- Commercial fishing will open for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10.

#### **Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5**

- Commercial fishing will open for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. King salmon may be retained but not sold.

#### **Unalakleet Subdistrict 6**

- Commercial fishing will open for 24 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10. King salmon may be retained but not sold.

All commercial fishing periods are restricted to gillnet mesh size 6 inches or smaller.

Northern Norton Sound escapement projects are seeing coho salmon numbers starting to build and chum salmon goals have been met in the Eldorado River and are projected to be met in most other systems.

Coho salmon numbers are also building at monitoring projects in Southern Norton Sound. Historically, over 98% of the Chinook salmon run has entered freshwater by this time and this opening is not expected to have detrimental effects on escapement.

Recent openers have shown more chum than coho are still being harvested and harvest rates from the upcoming commercial periods will be monitored for indications that warrant additional commercial fishing periods.

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

This fisheries announcement does not affect any other subsistence fisheries schedules, restrictions, or closures.