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Advisory Announcement

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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 4–6

Commercial Salmon Fishing Periods by Subdistrict:

Norton Bay Subdistrict 4

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18.

Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18. King salmon may be retained but not sold.

Unalakleet Subdistrict 6

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18. King salmon may be retained but not sold.

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

Results from the most recent commercial opening in southern Norton Sound suggest the presence of a harvestable surplus of coho salmon with catch rates being near or above historical averages. With most escapement monitoring projects not operational due to high rivers, this fishing period will provide supporting data for coho management and allow an opportunity to fish ahead of forecasted inclement weather.

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.