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Advisory Announcement

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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2 & 3

Commercial Salmon Fishing Periods by Subdistrict:

Golovin Subdistrict 2

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

Elim Subdistrict 3

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

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

Aerial surveys conducted over the weekend on the Kwiniuk and Fish River drainages saw coho salmon escapement that meets goals in those systems and the Department has received reports that subsistence needs are being met. Additionally, the most recent commercial fishing period had coho salmon catch rates near or above historical averages, suggesting a harvestable surplus of salmon. This commercial fishing period is expected to be the final opener of the season.

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.