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COMMERCIAL FISHING SCHEDULE FOR NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 5–6

Commercial Salmon Fishing Periods by Subdistrict:

Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5

- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8 until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10.
- Commercial fishing will open for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11 until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13.

Unalakleet Subdistrict 6

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

The most recent commercial opener in southern Norton Sound had coho salmon catch rates were above the long-term historical average indicating a harvestable surplus in Subdistricts 5 and 6. Additionally, reports from southern Norton Sound indicate that subsistence needs have been met. Coho runs appear to be late and the department is extending the commercial fishing season and these periods will be the final commercial salmon 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.