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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1 & 2

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1 and 2, the Nome and Golovin Subdistricts.

- Subdistrict 1, the **Nome Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing from 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, until 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3.
- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

The outlook for chum salmon in the northern sections of Norton Sound is expected to be similar to last year and a harvestable surplus of chum salmon is expected to be available for directed commercial fishing. These short commercial salmon openers will be used to gauge potential run strength in Subdistricts 1 and 2.

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

This commercial fishing period does not affect current subsistence fisheries schedules, restrictions, or closures.