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**Advisory Announcement**  
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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 Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict, and Subdistrict 2, the Golovin Subdistrict.

- Subdistrict 1, the **Nome Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17, until 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 18.
- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 19.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

The current escapement projection for Eldorado River chum salmon indicates the lower end of the escapement goal should be achieved. Additionally, subsistence harvesters in Nome have reported success catching chum salmon in the marine waters and the most recent commercial opener had catch rates near the historical average, indicating a small harvestable surplus of chum salmon.

Salmon escapement data from the Niukluk Tower in Golovin, Subdistrict 2, is projecting a harvestable surplus of chum salmon and the recent commercial opener had catch rates near the historical average, warranting a 24-hour commercial opener.

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.

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