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Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #5

COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-4

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2 through 4, the Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts.

- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.
- Subdistrict 3, the **Elim Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.
- Subdistrict 4, the **Norton Bay Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 8.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that in Subdistricts 2 through 6 that once a fisherman begins commercial fishing they may not subsistence fish for salmon during the closed periods between commercial openings for the rest of the commercial season. Any subsistence fisherman that intends to commercial fish must have their subsistence nets and harvest removed from the grounds prior to the 6:00 p.m. commercial period on Tuesday, July 7.

Available salmon escapement data from Norton Sound projects indicates a harvestable surplus of salmon in Subdistricts 2 through 4. These openings will be used to gauge chum and pink salmon abundance and inform future commercial openings.

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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