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Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #12

COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 5-6

Emergency Order: 3-S-Z-06-26

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for two 24-hour periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts.

- **Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5:**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 27, until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 31.
- **Unalakleet Subdistrict 6:**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 27, until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 31.
- All commercial fishing periods are restricted to gillnet mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

Catch rates from the previous commercial period in Subdistricts 5 and 6 were above average for chum salmon, and escapement data from North River tower indicates a harvestable surplus in southern Norton Sound. These commercial periods will continue to gauge coho salmon abundance in marine waters.

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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