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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO REMAIN CLOSED IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will remain closed for 2026 season in Norton Sound. During the most recent commercial periods in Subdistricts 2–6, catch rates were below average to poor and salmon monitoring projects in the region are generally inoperable. Prior to becoming inoperable, monitoring projects were indicating marginal returns. Because catch rates have been marginal and escapement projects have not been available to produce reliable escapement estimates to indicate if a harvestable surplus for commercial harvest of coho salmon exists in Norton Sound, the department is taking a conservative approach and will not announce additional commercial fishing periods for remainder of the 2026 commercial salmon fishing season.

For any questions regarding this Advisory Announcement please call Fish & Game in Nome at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.

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