

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON BAY

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistrict 4, the Norton Bay Subdistrict, from 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 until 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 29. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less.

Permit holders must be in possession of a 2016 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2016 commercial crew member's license or a 2016 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2016 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crew member's license.

Passage at the NSEDC counting tower on Inglutalik River was nearly 2,000 chums on Sunday and the escapement through late June ranks second highest in six years of project history.

The department thanks NSEDC for their continued support for over a decade of adult salmon escapement projects throughout Norton Sound.

Here are cumulative escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 150 kings, 4,000 chums, 4,000 pinks
North River: 150 chums, 300 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 60 kings, 1,300 chums, 2,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 400 kings, 2,500 chums
Kwiniuk River: 1,000 chums, 300 pinks
Fish River: 300 kings, 11,000 chums, 2,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 100 chums, 2 pinks
Pilgrim River: 1 sockeye