

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**NORTON SOUND DISTRICT COMMERCIAL SALMON OPENINGS**

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 16 hours, from 8 a.m. until 12 midnight on July 12 through July 15, in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2, 3 and 4, the Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts, except Golovin Subdistrict will be closed to fishing Tuesday, July 12, Norton Bay Subdistrict will be closed to fishing, Wednesday, July 13 and Elim Subdistrict will be closed to fishing on Thursday, July 14.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., on July 12 in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts. King salmon may be kept for personal use, but cannot be sold.

For all subdistricts gillnets are limited to 6 inches or less mesh size and 100 fathoms in length.

Fishermen are encouraged to contact the buyer before fishing and during the fishing periods to make sure buying operations have not been suspended because of capacity concerns. The department is working with the buyer on setting fishing openings that work best for their capacity and quality concerns in each subdistrict.

Here are cumulative escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 300 kings, 18,000 chums, 1.5 million pinks  
North River: 250 kings, 5,500 chums, 170,000 pinks  
Shaktoolik River: 330 kings, 12,000 chums, 435,000 pinks  
Inglutalik River: 3,100 kings, 25,000 chums, 8,000 pinks  
Kwiniuk River: 100 kings, 7,000 chums, 330,000 pinks  
Fish River: 730 kings, 50,000 chums, 140,000 pinks  
Eldorado River: 10,500 chums, 900 pinks  
Pilgrim River: 13 kings, 3,100 chums, 200 pinks, 4,500 sockeyes  
Nome River: 1,600 chums, 24,000 pinks, 11 sockeyes  
Snake River: 400 chums, 50 pinks  
Solomon River: 300 chums, 400 pinks

Good Luck and Good Fishing!