

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



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**UPCOMING COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENINGS IN  
SHAKTOOLIK AND UNALAKLEET**

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 48 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 5 until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 7. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less. King salmon can be retained for personal use, but cannot be sold.

Both Kwiniuk and Pilgrim river weirs are now operational and counting began yesterday. Fish River tower and Nome River weir should be operational by the end of the week.

Here are Norton Sound cumulative salmon escapement counts:

North River: 72 kings, 2,100 chums, 40,200 pinks

Unalakleet River: 116 kings, 5,000 chums, 65,800 pinks

Shaktoolik River: 273 kings, 7,300 chums, 32,100 pinks

Inglutalik River: 114 kings, 6,400 chums, 126 pinks, 3 sockeyes

Kwiniuk River: 4,000 chums, 25,600 pinks

Eldorado River: 3 kings, 3,600 chums, 44 pinks

Pilgrim River: 1 king, 69 chums, 408 sockeyes