

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



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**UPCOMING COMMERCIAL SALMON OPENINGS IN NOME,
GOLOVIN, ELIM AND NORTON BAY**

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 48 hours in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict, from 8 p.m. Friday, July 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 8. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length.

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 48 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2, 3, and 4, the Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts, from 6 p.m. Saturday, July 7 until 6 p.m. Monday, July 9. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

Chum salmon catches continue to be above average to well above average in the commercial fishery. As more escapement counting projects are becoming operational the chum salmon escapement has been well above average for this date. The Unalakleet River weir became operational on July 3. The Pilgrim River weir became operational on July 4. The department thanks Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation for their operation of the Pilgrim River weir for over 10 years. The run at Pilgrim weir is off to a great start with 1,700 sockeyes passing the first two days of counting.

Here are the cumulative escapement counts.

North River: 81 kings, 2,200 chums, 43,000 pinks
Unalakleet River: 140 kings, 6,000 chums
Shaktoolik River: 300 kings, 8,000 chums, 40,000 pinks
Inglutalik River: 120 kings, 7,000 chums, 140 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 6 kings, 8,600 chums, 60,000 pinks
Eldorado River: 2 king, 4,400 chums, 70 pinks