

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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**NORTON SOUND DISTRICT UPCOMING COMMERCIAL SALMON
FISHING OPENINGS**

Commercial salmon fishing in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict, scheduled to close at 6 p.m. today has been extended 48 hours and will now close 6 p.m. Saturday, July 14. 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 through 6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, from 6 p.m. Friday, July 13 until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 15. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller. King salmon caught in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts can be retained for personal use but cannot be sold.

Chum salmon catches continue to be above average to well above average in the commercial fishery and the upcoming fishing periods have been set in consultation with the buyer.

Here are the total escapement counts this season:

North River: 744 kings, 9,700 chums, 221,000 pinks

Unalakleet River: 714 kings, 29,000 chums

Shaktoolik River: 696 kings, 25,000 chums, 176,000 pinks

Inglutalik River: 168 kings, 9,600 chums, 1,500 pinks

Kwiniuk River: 51 kings, 23,000 chums, 445,000 pinks

Fish River: 24 kings, 3,800 chums, 9,800 pinks

Solomon River: 1 king, 200 chums, 10,000 pinks

Bonanza River: 800 chums, 9,600 pinks

Eldorado River: 18 kings, 14,900 chums, 1,000 pinks

Nome River: 3 kings, 700 chums, 215,000 pinks, 28 sockeyes

Snake River: 300 chums, 12,000 pinks

Pilgrim River: 28 kings, 2,000 chums, 1,100 pinks, 9,000 sockeyes

Once again, commercial salmon fishing is extended in Nome Subdistrict and will now close 6 p.m. Saturday evening. Commercial salmon fishing will open for 48 hours in the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts beginning at 6 p.m. Friday evening.