

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



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**NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE
EXTENDED**

This year's silver salmon run appears to be strong and the department in consultation with the buyer is continuing the current commercial fishing schedule through the third weekend of August.

Commercial salmon fishing will continue to be open in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict for two 48-hour fishing periods this week from 9 p.m. Tuesday until 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 p.m. Friday until 9 p.m. Sunday.

Commercial salmon fishing will continue to be open in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2 through 6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, for two 48-hour fishing periods this week from 6 p.m. Wednesday until 6 p.m. Friday and from 6 p.m. Saturday until 6 p.m. Monday.

The Norton Sound commercial chum salmon harvest has passed the department harvest forecast of 150,000 to 200,000 chum salmon and current commercial chum salmon harvest is over 227,000 chum salmon. This year's chum salmon commercial harvest is the highest in 35 years and is the second-best commercial chum salmon harvest recorded in Norton Sound.

After the second week of August the department will continue to determine further fishing time based on the silver salmon run.