

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



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**NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The upcoming commercial salmon fishing period in Subdistricts 2 through 6 beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 11 has been cancelled. The buyer needs time to catch up processing the peak silver catches occurring.

Catch this season in Norton Sound has surpassed 110,000 silvers and ranks eighth highest. In comparison at this time last year the harvest had not yet reached 100,000 silvers and the final catch was a record 191,254 silvers. The department forecast for 2018 was for a commercial harvest of 170,000 to 220,000 silvers.

The next commercial salmon fishing period in Subdistricts 2 through 6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts, will be for 48 hours from 6 p.m. Sunday, August 12 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 14.

Commercial salmon fishing will continue in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict as scheduled from 9 p.m. Friday until 9 p.m. Sunday.

The department will determine additional commercial fishing time in consultation with the buyer.

The cumulative escapement counts are:

North River: 2,600 kings, 25,000 chums, 473,000 pinks, 60 sockeyes, 5,700 silvers

Unalakleet River: 3,300 kings, 127,000 chums, 630 sockeyes, 58,000 silvers

Shaktoolik River: 1,035 kings, 50,000 chums, 800,000 pinks, 12 sockeyes, 28,000 silvers

Inglutalik River: 195 kings, 28,000 chums, 20,000 pinks, 100 sockeyes, 1,600 silvers

Kwiniuk River: 84 kings, 42,000 chums, 1.8 million pinks, 6 sockeyes, 3,400 silvers

Fish River: 72 kings, 44,000 chums, 2.6 million pinks, 36 sockeyes, 4,000 silvers

Solomon River: 11 kings, 3,400 chums, 458,000 pinks, 18 sockeyes, 160 silvers

Bonanza River: 6 kings, 7,200 chums, 880,000 pinks, 190 sockeyes, 570 silvers

Nome River: 38 kings, 4,400 chums, 3.1 million pinks, 70 sockeyes, 820 silvers

Snake River: 1 king, 2,600 chums, 444,000 pinks, 6 sockeyes, 39 silvers

Pilgrim River: 84 kings, 28,000 chums, 46,000 pinks, 31,000 sockeyes, 100 silvers