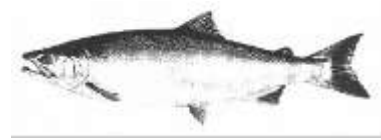


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RECORD PAYOUT IN NORTON SOUND SALMON FISHERY

This year the Norton Sound commercial salmon fishery had a record ex-vessel value of 4 million dollars. The payout to the fishing fleet exceeded the previous record of 3.5 million dollars, adjusted to 2018 dollars, set in 1978.

A combination of the second highest chum salmon harvest in history and a record harvest of silver salmon brought in over 3.9 million dollars and the incidental harvest of king, sockeye and pink salmon brought the ex-vessel value to just above 4 million dollars.

This year's harvest of 260,000 silvers obliterated the previous record of 191,000 silvers harvested just last year. Congratulations to Norton Sound Seafood Products, their dock, tender and processing crews and their office staff and to fleet on great season.

The department thanks Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation for their continued operation of numerous Norton Sound salmon escapement counting projects and their support of Fish & Game projects for over two decades.

