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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 48 hours in Subdistricts 1 and 2, the Nome and Golovin Subdistricts beginning the evening of July 31. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller. Golovin Subdistrict will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. Friday until 6 p.m. Sunday and Nome Subdistrict will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 9 p.m. Friday until 9 p.m. Sunday.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open in Subdistricts 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts for 24 hours from 6 p.m. Saturday, August 1 until 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller.

Permit holders must be in possession of a 2020 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2020 commercial crewmember's license or a 2020 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2020 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crewmember's license.

Here are the cumulative escapement counts:

North River: 1,000 kings, 850 chums, 600,000 pinks, 100 sockeyes, 126 silvers
Shaktoolik River: 940 kings, 7,500 chums, 1.8 million pinks, 39 sockeyes, 117 silvers
Ungalik River: 140 kings, 7,300 chums, 800,000 pinks, 220 sockeyes, 500 silvers
Kwiniuk River: 400 kings, 4,700 chums, 1.4 million pinks, 87 sockeyes, 230 silvers
Fish River became operational again on Monday: 72 kings, 6,300 chums, 1.8 million pinks, 72 silvers
Solomon River: 500 chums, 350,000 pinks, 33 sockeyes, 37 silvers
Bonanza River: 15 kings, 2,500 chums, 200,000 pinks, 27 sockeyes, 11 silvers
Eldorado River: 21 kings, 11,000 chums, 150,000 pinks, 69 sockeyes, 72 silvers
Nome River: 6 kings, 1,500 chums, 1.4 million pinks, 160 sockeyes, 55 silvers
Snake River: 2 kings, 430 chums, 280,000 pinks, 100 sockeyes, 7 silvers
Pilgrim River: 47 kings, 3,100 chums, 50,000 pinks, 8,500 sockeyes

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>