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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NOME, GOLOVIN AND ELIM

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 48 hours in Subdistricts 1, 2, and 3 the Nome, Golovin and Elim Subdistricts beginning Monday evening, August 24. 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 and Elim Subdistricts will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. Monday until 6 p.m. Wednesday and Nome Subdistrict will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 9 p.m. Monday until 9 p.m. Wednesday.

The silver run in Norton Sound although much lower than forecast continues to be better in northern Norton Sound than in southern Norton Sound. At Elim, the count at Kwiniuk River tower is slightly below average just past the average historical midpoint date of silver passage. At Nome, the Nome River weir count is average at the historical first quarter point of silver passage and the Snake River weir is above average at the historical first quarter point of silver passage.

Silver counts in Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts continue to be poor for late August and no commercial fishing is expected unless an improvement is seen in silver passage at the southern Norton Sound counting towers.

The cumulative escapement counts are:

North River: 1,200 silvers
Shaktoolik River: 2,500 silvers
Ungalik River: 1,500 silvers
Inglutalik River: 1,200 silvers
Kwiniuk River: 4,100 silvers
Nome River: 800 silvers
Snake River: 350 silvers

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/>