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PINK SALMON COMMERCIAL SEINE FISHING TO OPEN IN UNALAKLEET

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 8 hours in Norton Sound Subdistrict 6, the Unalakleet Subdistrict, from 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17, for beach seining and experimental purse seining only. This is a pink salmon directed fishing period. Beach seines must be no more than 150 fathoms in length, 100 meshes in depth, and less than 4 inches stretched mesh and all king salmon must be returned immediately to the water alive. Purse seines must comply with stipulations outlined on the commissioner's permit and all king and chum salmon must be returned immediately to the water alive. Any king or chum salmon mortality must be donated to local villages.

Permit holders must be in possession of a 2021 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2021 commercial crewmember's license or a 2021 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2021 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crewmember's license.

Permit holders are reminded to check with the buyers to make sure there is market for their catch.

Here are the escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 337 kings, 8,500 chums, 400 sockeyes, 200 silvers
North River: 234 kings, 300 chums, 35,000 pinks
Shaktoolik River: 840 kings, 4,3000 chums, 90,000 pinks, 21 sockeyes
Ungalik River: 228 kings, 2,800 chums, 112,000 pinks, 400 sockeyes
Inglutalik River: 189 kings, 1,500 chums, 13,000 pinks
Kwiniuk River: 99 kings, 1,700 chums, 4,200 pinks, 6 sockeyes
Solomon River: 1 king, 43 chums, 180 pinks
Eldorado River: 4 kings, 1,200 chums, 300 pinks, 21 sockeyes
Nome River: 47 chums, 570 pinks, 4 sockeyes
Snake River: 1 king, 70 chums, 900 pinks
Pilgrim River: 4 kings, 250 chums, 90 pinks, 1 silver, 1,400 sockeyes

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is considered essential 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>