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PINK SALMON COMMERCIAL FISHING TO REOPEN IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for gillnetting for 8 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 3, 5, and 6 the Elim, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 20. All gillnet fishing periods are pink salmon directed periods and nets are restricted to a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller and 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length.

Permit holders are reminded to check with the buyers to make sure there is a market for their catch. There will likely be only one buyer tomorrow in some subdistricts so staying in close contact with the buyer is essential in case there are any capacity issues.

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 32 hours in Subdistrict 4, Norton Bay, from 4 p.m. Monday, July 19 until 12 midnight Tuesday, July 20, for purse seining. Only those with the commissioner's permit for experimental purse seining can participate.

The department expects to announce more fishing time for pink salmon on Wednesday based on buyer capacity.

Unalakleet River: 420 kings, 11,000 chums, 600 sockeyes, 200 silvers

North River: 320 kings, 400 chums, 60,000 pinks

Shaktoolik River: 900 kings, 5,000 chums, 120,000 pinks, 48 sockeyes

Ungalik River: 300 kings, 4,600 chums, 170,000 pinks, 1,200 sockeyes

Inglutalik River: 213 kings, 1,800 chums, 25,000 pinks

Kwiniuk River: 130 kings, 2,300 chums, 8,500 pinks, 18 sockeyes

Solomon River: 1 king, 56 chums, 900 pinks

Eldorado River: 10 kings, 2,400 chums, 800 pinks, 31 sockeyes

Nome River: 63 chums, 800 pinks, 6 sockeyes

Snake River: 1 king, 130 chums, 1,600 pinks, 44 sockeyes

Pilgrim River: 5 kings, 500 chums, 130 pinks, 2,400 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/>