PINK SALMON COMMERCIAL FISHING TO REOPEN IN NORTON SOUND

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 8 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 3 through 6, the Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 9. This commercial fishing period is a pink salmon directed commercial period with gillnets restricted to 4 ½ inches or smaller mesh size and 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length. King salmon caught during the directed pink salmon fishery in Subdistricts 5 and 6 may be retained for personal use but may not be sold. Any king salmon retained for personal use by commercial fishermen must be recorded on the fish ticket.

The pink salmon run has been building and is sufficient to allow for pink salmon commercial fishing in most subdistricts based on the buyer’s capacity.

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