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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND**

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will be open for 24 hours periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 1 through 4, the Nome, Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts. In the Nome Subdistrict fishing will be open from 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28, until 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 29. In Golovin, Elim, and Norton Bay Subdistricts, fishing will be open from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 29.

Nets are restricted to 6-inch mesh size, or smaller, and 100 fathoms in aggregate length for all of Norton Sound Subdistricts.

Norton Sound salmon escapement counting projects are beginning to wind down for the season. Silver salmon escapement has been below average but improved compared to last year. The department thanks Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation for over two decades of operating and supporting numerous salmon counting projects throughout Norton Sound.

Current salmon escapement in Norton Sound:

Kwiniuk River: 39 kings, 9,500 chums, 412,000 pinks, 18 sockeyes, 4,000 silvers  
Niukluk River: 42 kings, 37,000 chums, 305,000 pinks, 900 sockeyes, 1,900 silvers  
Nome River: 5 kings, 2,400 chums, 50,000 pinks, 15 sockeyes, 510 silvers  
Snake River: 4 kings, 4,700 chums, 47,000 pinks, 430 sockeyes, 500 silvers