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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 1 & 2

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, the Nome Subdistrict, and for 48 hours in Subdistrict 2, the Golovin Subdistrict.

- Subdistrict 1, the **Nome Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.
- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 12.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Although chum salmon escapement has been slow in Nome Subdistrict 1, the recent commercial opener showed catch rates that were near the historical average for the first week of July and subsistence harvesters in Nome have reported success catching chum salmon in the marine waters. The scheduled 24-hour opener will be used to gauge run strength and timing of chum salmon in Subdistrict 1.

Salmon escapement data from the Niukluk Tower in Golovin Subdistrict 2 is projecting a harvestable surplus of chum salmon and the recent commercial opener had catch rates above the historical average, warranting a 48-hour commercial opener.

Permit holders are reminded to ensure they have a market for their catch.

This commercial fishing period does not affect current subsistence fisheries schedules, restrictions, or closures.

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