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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #12**

**COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-6**

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 24 hours in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2 through 6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts.

- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30.
- Subdistrict 3, the **Elim Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30.
- Subdistrict 4, the **Norton Bay Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30.
- Subdistrict 5, the **Shaktoolik Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31.
- Subdistrict 6, the **Unalakleet Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 24 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target coho salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that in Subdistricts 2 through 6 that once a fisherman begins commercial fishing they may not subsistence fish for salmon during the closed periods between commercial openings for the rest of the commercial season. The department is scheduling the commercial period to occur between the current periods open for subsistence opportunity in Subdistricts 5 and 6. Any subsistence fisherman that intends to commercial fish in Subdistricts 5 and 6 must have their subsistence nets and harvest removed from the grounds prior to the 6:00 p.m. commercial period on Wednesday, July 30.

Available salmon escapement data from Norton Sound projects indicates a harvestable surplus of coho salmon in all areas except Subdistrict 1. These openings will be used to gauge coho salmon abundance and inform future commercial openings.

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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