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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-6

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for 48 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 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 8.
- Subdistrict 3, the **Elim Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 8.
- Subdistrict 4, the **Norton Bay Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 8.
- Subdistrict 5, the **Shaktoolik Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 8.
- Subdistrict 6, the **Unalakleet Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, until 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 8.
- 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.

Available salmon escapement data from Norton Sound projects and catch rates from the last commercial opening indicates a harvestable surplus of coho salmon in all areas except Subdistrict 1.

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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