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COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-6

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open on a schedule of two 48-hour periods per week in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2 through 6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts through Thursday, September 7, 2025, unless modified by Emergency Order.

- Subdistrict 2, the **Golovin Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 48-hour periods per week beginning on Monday, August 11, 2025:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays,
 - from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays.
- Subdistrict 3, the **Elim Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 48-hour periods per week beginning on Monday, August 11, 2025:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays,
 - from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays.
- Subdistrict 4, the **Norton Bay Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 48-hour periods per week beginning on Monday, August 11, 2025:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Mondays until 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays,
 - from 6:00 p.m. Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. Saturdays.
- Subdistrict 5, the **Shaktoolik Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 48-hour periods per week beginning on Tuesday, August 12, 2025:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays,
 - from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays.
- Subdistrict 6, the **Unalakleet Subdistrict**, will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 48-hour periods per week beginning on Tuesday, August 12, 2025:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays until 6:00 p.m. Thursdays,
 - from 6:00 p.m. Fridays until 6:00 p.m. Sundays.
- 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 commercial openings 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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