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NORTON SOUND SALMON FISHING UPDATES

The Norton Sound commercial silver salmon harvest is now at a record 252,000 silvers. The harvest is over 60,000 silvers above last year's record harvest.

In Golovin, Elim, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts commercial salmon fishing will close at 6 p.m. Friday. At Kwiniuk River the count this season is 15,000 silvers and ranks second highest all time. The department will consult with the buyer for possible additional fishing time later in the weekend.

The next Nome Subdistrict commercial salmon fishing period will be open from 9 p.m. Thursday until 9 p.m. Sunday. At Nome and Snake rivers the counts are third highest all time with 4,000 silvers counted at Nome River and 3,200 silvers at Snake River.