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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #14**

**COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 5-6**

Emergency Order: 3-S-Z-08-26

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for one 48-hour period in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6, the Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts.

- **Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5:**
  - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 48-hour period:
    - from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 6.
- **Unalakleet Subdistrict 6:**
  - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 48-hour period:
    - from 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 6.
- All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum and coho salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Catch rates from the previous commercial period in Subdistricts 5 and 6 and available escapement data indicate a harvestable surplus in southern Norton Sound. These commercial periods will continue to gauge coho salmon abundance in marine waters.

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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