



Advisory Announcement
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Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #16
COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-6
Emergency Order: 3-S-Z-09-26

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for two 24-hour periods in Norton Sound Subdistricts 2–6, the Golovin, Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik, and Unalakleet Subdistricts.

- **Golovin Subdistrict 2**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.
- **Elim Subdistrict 3**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.
- **Norton Bay Subdistrict 4**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.
- **Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.
- **Unalakleet Subdistrict 6:**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for two 24-hour periods:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9, until 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, and;
 - from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13.

All commercial fishing periods are directed to target chum and coho salmon with gillnet mesh size restricted to 6 inches or smaller.

Inclement weather during the previous commercial periods in Subdistricts 2–6 led to below average catch rates, and salmon monitoring projects in the region generally did not operate. These commercial periods will continue to gauge coho salmon abundance in marine waters and may justify additional commercial periods targeting coho salmon.

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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