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Norton Sound Advisory Announcement #19

COMMERCIAL FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND SUBDISTRICTS 2-6

Emergency Order: 3-S-Z-12-26

Commercial salmon gillnet fishing will open for one 24-hour period 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 one 24-hour period:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.
- **Elim Subdistrict 3**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 24-hour period:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.
- **Norton Bay Subdistrict 4**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 24-hour period:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.
- **Shaktoolik Subdistrict 5**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 24-hour period:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.
- **Unalakleet Subdistrict 6:**
 - will open to commercial salmon fishing for one 24-hour period:
 - from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.

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

The previous commercial periods in Subdistricts 2–6 had slightly below average catch rates and salmon monitoring projects in the region are generally inoperable. This commercial period will continue to gauge coho salmon abundance in marine waters and maybe used to 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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