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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN IN NORTON SOUND**

Commercial salmon fishing will open in Elim, Norton Bay, Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet Subdistricts for 6 hours from 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller.

Commercial salmon fishing will be open in Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts for 6 hours from 10 a.m. Sunday, July 19 until 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 4 ½ inches or smaller.

The 6-hour fishing periods with gillnet mesh size 4 ½ inches or smaller are designed to target the more abundant pink salmon.

Permit holders must be in possession of a 2020 Norton Sound commercial salmon permit and a government issued i.d. card or driver's license. All crewmembers must have a 2020 commercial crewmember's license or a 2020 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit. For example, a 2020 Norton Sound commercial crab permit card can substitute for a crewmember's license.

**COVID-19**

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>