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COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO REOPEN IN NOME, GOLOVIN AND ELIM

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 48 hours in Subdistricts 1, 2, and 3 the Nome, Golovin and Elim Subdistricts beginning Tuesday evening, September 1. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet in aggregate length and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or smaller. Golovin and Elim Subdistricts will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 6 p.m. Tuesday until 6 p.m. Thursday and Nome Subdistrict will be open to commercial salmon fishing from 9 p.m. Tuesday until 9 p.m. Thursday.

The silver run in Norton Sound although much poorer than forecast continues to be better in northern Norton Sound than in southern Norton Sound. Silver catches during the recent fishing period ending Saturday night were well below average in Shaktoolik and Unalakleet, below average in Elim, average in Golovin and above average in Nome.

Silver counts at the Shaktoolik River and North River towers have been poor and no more commercial salmon fishing is expected in southern Norton Sound unless there is a big surge in silver passage at the counting towers.

The cumulative escapement counts are:

North River: 1,600 silvers
Shaktoolik River: 3,100 silvers
Kwiniuk River: 5,000 silvers
Nome River: 1,200 silvers
Snake River: 630 silvers

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/>