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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #1

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 10 hours from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday, July 10 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

Three buyers plan to purchase Kotzebue chum salmon this season and two of the three buyers have notified the department they plan to buy on Friday.

The 2020 Kotzebue commercial harvest forecast is 450,000 to 650,000 chum salmon, but throughout western Alaska chum salmon harvests have been much lower than forecast this season.

Permit holders are reminded to check with their buyers before fishing to make sure there is a market for their catch.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!

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/>