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Kotzebue Fishery Advisory Announcement #4

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN

Commercial Salmon Fishing

Commercial fishing will open in the Kotzebue District as follows:

- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 14,
- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 15,
- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 ,
- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17,
- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18,
- will open for 8 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 19.

Closed Waters by Emergency Order

In Subdistrict 1 of the Kotzebue District, marine waters adjacent to the end of the runway from the Weather Service Dome south of the main runway to the NANA building north of the main runway and extending one mile offshore into Kotzebue Sound perpendicular to the beach will be closed to subsistence and commercial fishing in order to avoid birds being attracted to fishing nets near the end of the airport runway and becoming a safety hazard.

One buyer is currently operating, and one buyer is expecting to begin operations this week.

Permit holders are reminded to check with their buyers before starting fishing operations to ensure they have a market for their catch.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 907-442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271.

Stay safe and good luck.