

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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NORTON SOUND SUMMER RED KING CRAB COMMERCIAL & CDQ FISHERIES TO OPEN

In consultation with the buyers the department has issued an emergency order to open the Norton Sound summer red king crab fishery at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 25. The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the summer commercial fishery is 147,300 pounds, which includes the unharvested amount from the winter crab fishery and the CDQ quota of 11,295 pounds. The open-access quota is 136,000 pounds.

Anyone who is now subsistence crabbing and plans to participate in this year's summer commercial crab fishery must stop subsistence crabbing by Tuesday, noon, June 11 and turn their subsistence permit into Fish & Game within 3 days.

Commercial permit holders are reminded to register with the department before fishing. Through Monday morning, 3 permit holders have registered. Last year 33 permit holders fished during the summer commercial crab fishery.

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2019 Norton Sound red king crab commercial permit and a government issued ID card or driver's license. Crew members assisting permit holders must be in possession of a 2019 commercial crew member's license; or a 2019 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for a crew member's license. For example, a 2019 State of Alaska commercial salmon permit can substitute for a crew member's license.

For further information please contact the Nome office at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.

Good Luck and Good Crabbing and Be Safe Out There!