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UPCOMING KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING PERIODS

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 12 hours daily from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, July 14 through Friday, July 19 in the Kotzebue District.

Three buyers are now registered in the Kotzebue District.

Permit holders are reminded to keep in close contact with the buyers in case there are any changes to their buying hours.

The catch for the first three fishing periods was 6,600 chums. The catch rate for the first few fishing periods this year was like the 2016 season when the harvest for the season was just over 400,000 chum salmon. This year's forecast is a 450,000 to 650,000 chum salmon harvest.

The Kotzebue commercial harvest has exceeded 400,000 chum salmon in only 8 years of the previous 57 years of the fishery. Of those eight years, four of those years exceeding the 400,000-chum salmon catch threshold were in the past five years.

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!