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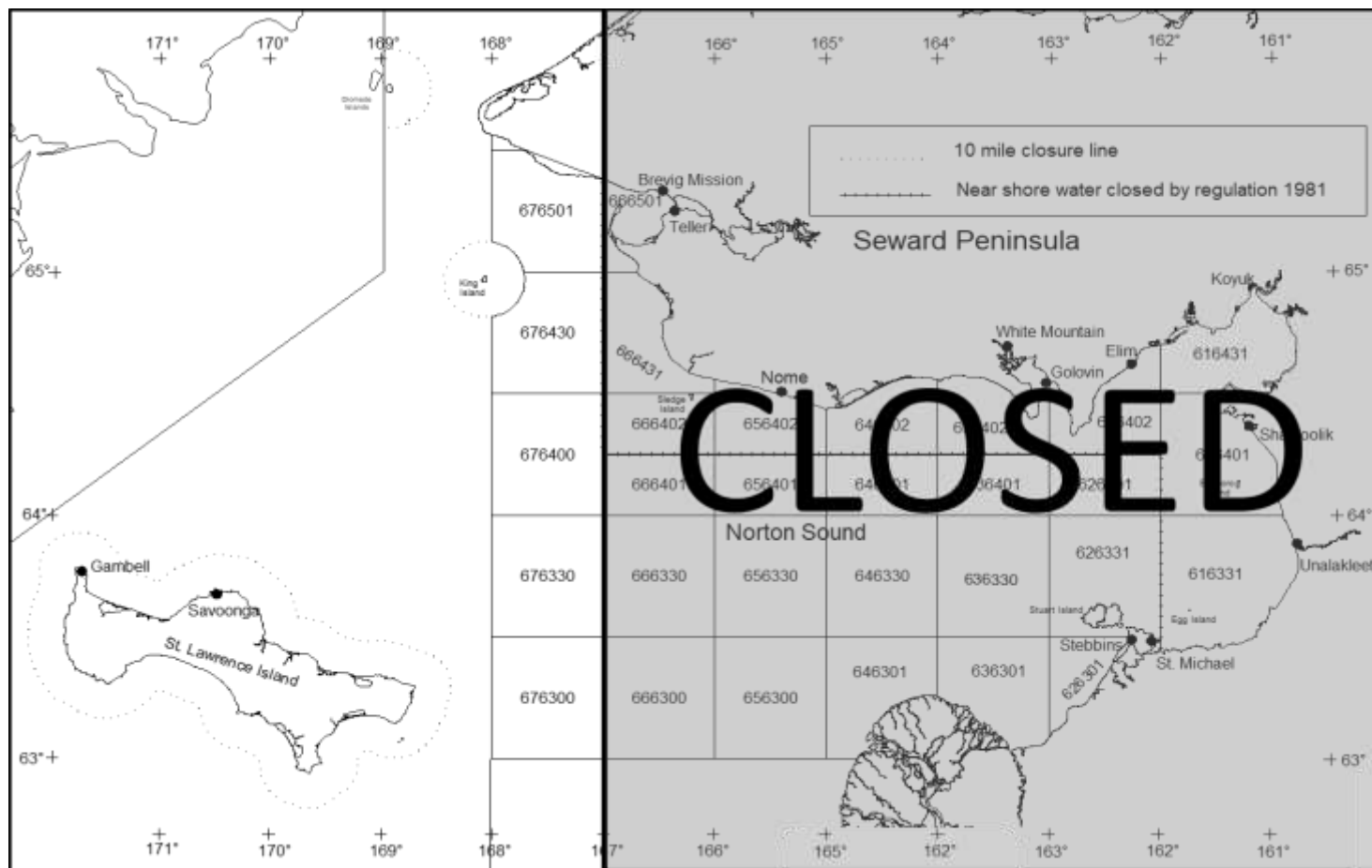
**Advisory Announcement**  
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**NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO OPEN**

The Norton Sound king crab summer commercial fishery will open at 12:00 noon, Monday, June 15. The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the summer commercial fishery is over 140,000 pounds.

By Board of Fisheries regulation the area east of 167 degrees west longitude will remain closed to commercial crabbing for the 2020 summer commercial crab season. However, that area is still open to subsistence crabbing.



Anyone who is now subsistence crabbing and plans to participate in this year's summer commercial crab fishery must stop subsistence crabbing by Monday noon, June 8 and return their subsistence permit to Fish & Game before commercial fishing.

Commercial permit holders are reminded to register with the department and receive crab pot tags. Village residents can call 1-800-560-2271 to register and crab pot tags will be sent via a local airline.

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2020 Norton Sound 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 2020 commercial crew member's license; or a 2020 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for a crew member's license. For example, a 2020 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!

## **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/>