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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Announcement #8

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours on Sunday, August 9, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Kotzebue District.

The commercial catch Friday was 9,437 chum salmon with 44 permit holders fishing. The catch was the highest daily catch of the season.

The Kobuk River test fish chum salmon catch index at Kiana has started to increase but remains the lowest in the 28-year project history. Test net catches are expected to improve because of the reduced commercial fishing time this past week.

The department also expects commercial catches to improve this coming week based on run timing models of recent years and after next week the catch should decrease during the second half of August.

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.

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/>