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NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO OPEN

The Norton Sound king crab summer open access commercial fishery will open at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 15. The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the summer open access commercial fishery is 290,000 pounds.

No buyer has registered for the summer commercial crab season and permit holders must be a direct marketer or catch-seller to sell their catch.

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 8 and return their subsistence permit to Fish & Game before commercial fishing.

Commercial crab permit holders must register at the Fish & Game office in Nome to receive crab pot tags before crabbing. Village residents can call 1-800-560-2271 to register and crab pot tags will be sent via local airlines.

Catcher-seller application forms can be picked up at the Nome Fish & Game office or can be obtained online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.main

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2021 Norton Sound king crab commercial permit and a government issued ID card, or driver's license. Those assisting a commercial permit holder must be in possession of a 2021 commercial crewmember license, or a 2021 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute. Crewmember licenses are available at the Nome Fish & Game office or can be bought online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/

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 Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial and subsistence fishing is considered essential 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 Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>