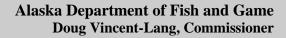
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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #3

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, July 22 and Friday, July 23 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

Catches in the commercial fishery continue to trail last year and the catches at the Kobuk River test fish site near Kiana have dropped off the last two days.

There will be no fishing on Wednesday and after Friday's opener the department may delay commercial fishing until Monday.

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 Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial 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/