

Division of Commercial Fisheries
Sam Rabung, Director

Nome Office
PO Box 1148
Nome, AK 99762-1148



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
www.adfg.alaska.gov

Advisory Announcement
For Immediate Release: July 8, 2022

CONTACT: Jim Menard or Kevin Clark
Norton Sound Area Manager & Asst. Area Manager
(907) 443-5167 (800) 560-2271

NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER FISHERY UPDATE

The Norton Sound king crab summer open access commercial fishery opened at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 15. The 2022 winter commercial fishery had 8 permit holders harvesting 7,357 pounds of red king crab of the 27,328 pounds guideline harvest level (GHL) for the winter commercial fishery. The total Norton Sound red king crab GHL 341,600 pounds and 7.5% of the total GHL is reserved for the CDQ fishery. The 25,620 pounds reserved for the CDQ fishery combined with the winter commercial catch resulted in 308,623 pounds available for the summer open access commercial fishery. As of July 8, a total of 169,000 pounds of red king crab have been harvested in the open access fishery, which includes crab sold, dead loss, and crab retained for personal use. At current harvest rates it is expected that the GHL will be harvested by mid-week next week. The department will continue to monitor catch rates and may close the fishery with short notice.

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-sellers must also register before selling crab.

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.sellers

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2022 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 2022 commercial crewmember license, or a 2022 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!