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Kotzebue Fishery Advisory Announcement #3

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN

Emergency Order: 3-S-X-03-26

Commercial Salmon Fishing:

Commercial fishing will open in the Kotzebue District as follows:

- will open for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19,
- will open for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 20,
- will open for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 21,
- will open for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23,
- will open for 8 hours from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 24.

One buyer is currently registered to purchase salmon in Kotzebue this season.

The 2026 Kotzebue commercial harvest forecast is 50,000 to 150,000 chum salmon.

Permit holders are reminded to check with their buyers before starting fishing operations to ensure they have a market for their catch.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 907-442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271.