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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENINGS**

Commercial salmon fishing will open in the Kotzebue District for 8 hours from 4 p.m. until midnight Monday, July 14, and reopen for 12 hours from noon until midnight on Tuesday, July 15.

Preliminary catch figures from the first two commercial fishing periods last week were 14,440 chum salmon and 44 permit holders fishing. The catch for an initial two periods and the fishing effort was the highest since the 1990s. Another fishing period is occurring today and at mid-period the catch is again reported to be very good.

Historically in Kotzebue District commercial fishery up to 48 hours of commercial fishing time per week has been allowed during the month of July.

After Tuesday's commercial fishing period, the department does not plan to have another commercial fishing period until Thursday. The break in commercial fishing time will allow a window of opportunity for fish to pass through the district to provide for subsistence and escapement.

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.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!