

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2014 Kotzebue Sound Salmon News Release # 12  
KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENINGS**

The next commercial salmon fishing periods in the Kotzebue District will be for 4 hours from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

Last night's catch was over 20,000 chum salmon by 68 permit holders. Total harvest to date this season is over 375,000 chum salmon and ranks seventh highest. This season's harvest will easily land in the Top 5 greatest harvests in history and is the best since 1985. The ex-vessel value of the fishery has surpassed one million dollars for the first time since 1988.

Chum salmon catches at the department test fish project in Kiana continue to be record setting and are the highest in the 22-year project history.

The department will allow fishing to continue without the normal mid-week closure day this week. Historically, catches should start to decrease by next week as we move past the halfway point of the season.

Good Luck and Good Fishing!