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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will be open on Tuesday, August 4 for 6 hours from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Kotzebue District.

There will only be one buyer and the buyer has catch limits of 1,500 pounds for each permit holder.

Monday's catch was 10,345 chum salmon by 71 permit holders. The 2015 harvest to date is 170,000 chum salmon. Last year's catch by this date was 338,000 chum salmon.

Chum catches at the Kobuk River test fish project have slowed and are half of what they were last year, but still are third highest overall for early August.

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!