

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



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING PERIOD EXTENDED**

At the request of the buyer the commercial salmon fishing period scheduled for 8 hours Friday in the Kotzebue District will now be extended for 2 hours and fishing will now be allowed from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, July 15.

There will be no commercial salmon fishing on Saturday and fishing is expected to resume on Sunday.

During Thursday's 8-hour opening there were 5,300 chum salmon caught by 30 permit holders. The catch during the first week of fishing has been 18,700 chums and has been less than two-thirds of last year's catch for the same time period. The average number of permit holders participating the first week has also been down one-third compared to last year.

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.