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NEWS RELEASE**



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UPCOMING KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENINGS**

Commercial salmon fishing will open for 8 hours daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. beginning Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 22 in the Kotzebue District.

Permit holders are encouraged to keep in contact with the buyer if there are any capacity concerns during the daily fishing periods.

During the first week of fishing nearly 22,000 chum salmon were caught. Compared to the first week of fishing last year the catch was down by nearly one-half and the number of permit holders fishing was down by one-third.

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!