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NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING CLOSED TODAY**

The 8-hour commercial salmon fishing period scheduled from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 in the Kotzebue District is cancelled.

The buyer has notified the department it will not be buying salmon today, but further commercial fishing periods are scheduled for Wednesday through Friday this week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day.

Thirty-two permit holders fished the last two 8-hour fishing periods with Sunday's catch at 7,192 chums and Monday's catch at 5,711 chums. Many fishermen quit fishing early Monday because of weather. Fishing effort and catch were down more than one-third compared to the same time 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.