

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



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**WINTER COMMERCIAL KING CRAB FISHING TIME EXTENDED**

Due to lower than expected catch rates, the winter commercial king crab fishery in Norton Sound will now have fishing time extended to 4:00 PM Saturday March 4. Unless the permit holder is also registered with ADF&G for the CDQ fishery, all pot gear must have doors open and bait containers removed by 4:00 PM Saturday, March 4. All crab, including those sold by catcher-sellers, must be delivered by 9:00 PM Saturday, March 4. Nome crabbers are reminded to check with the plant for availability after 7:00 PM.

This extension is to allow for fishing opportunity when ice (& weather) conditions permit. Crabbers are reminded that if they are unable to get to their gear, they will not be penalized for having their pots baited. Any crab harvested after 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 4 will have to be returned to the water, if permit holder is not registered for the CDQ fishery.

To date, 19 fishermen have signed up for the CDQ fishery. Permit holders are reminded that if they have not yet received their CDQ permit cards in the mail, they may apply for an Immediate Fishing Permit with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), at a cost of \$80 payable to CFEC, but please note that CFEC is closed on weekends.

For further information please contact the Nome office at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.

Good Luck, Good Crabbing and Safe Travels.

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