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NORTON SOUND SUMMER RED KING CRAB COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO OPEN

In consultation with the buyers the department has issued an emergency order to open the Norton Sound summer red king crab fishery at 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26. The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the summer commercial fishery is 419,000 pounds.

Permit holders are reminded to register with the department before fishing. Through Friday morning, 10 permit holders have registered. Last year 38 permit holders fished during the summer which included the remaining CDQ quota. This year the entire CDQ quota of 37,000 pounds was taken during the winter fishery.

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2017 Norton Sound red king crab commercial permit and a government issued ID card or driver’s license. Crew members assisting permit holders must be in possession of a 2017 commercial crew member’s license, or a 2017 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for a crew member’s license. For example, a 2017 State of Alaska commercial salmon permit can substitute for a crew member’s license.

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

Good Luck and Good Crabbing and Be Safe Out There!