

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
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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, Sunday, June 24. The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the summer commercial fishery is 290,282 pounds.

Anyone who is now subsistence crabbing and plans to participate in this year's summer commercial crab fishery must stop subsistence crabbing by Sunday, noon, June 10 and turn their subsistence permit into Fish & Game within 3 days.

Commercial permit holders are reminded to register with the department before fishing. Through Wednesday morning, 6 permit holders have registered. Last year 36 permit holders fished during the summer commercial crab fishery.

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2018 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 2018 commercial crew member's license; or a 2018 State of Alaska commercial fishing permit for any fishery can substitute for a crew member's license. For example, a 2018 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!