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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Announcement #14

UPCOMING KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING PERIODS

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours on Sunday, August 23, and Monday August 24 in the Kotzebue District. Both 8-hour fishing periods will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The commercial catch on Thursday was 5,090 chum salmon by 43 permit holders.

The catch so far this season is just over 137,000 chum salmon by 65 permit holders. The daily catch has been declining since the usual peak catches the second week of August.

The Kobuk River test fish chum salmon catch index at Kiana, although low this year, has remained steady the past week and is now projected to reach 600 index points with the limited commercial fishing schedule.

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.

COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>