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NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER OPEN ACCESS COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO CLOSE

The Norton Sound king crab summer open access commercial fishery will close at midnight, Sunday evening, July 24. At the time of closure all crab pots must have all bait and bait containers removed by this date and time. All vessels must have all king crab delivered by 12:00 noon, Monday, July 25, or be in line to deliver at the Nome plant or crab tender to offload by this time.

The Norton Sound red king crab CDQ quota has been harvested at this time and based on current catch rates the summer king crab open access fishery should harvest the remaining quota by the time of the closure. The weather forecast is for fair weather for the upcoming weekend, but crabbers are reminded to monitor conditions. Crabbers are also reminded that if they cannot get their pots due to sudden unexpected negative conditions they should contact the department immediately.

Pots must be removed for the water by Saturday, July 30. In the event a vessel cannot remove their pots from the water due to unforeseen issues beyond the control of the fisherman or if another vessel is required to retrieve their pots due to mechanical issues contact Jim Menard in the ADF&G office in advance.

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!