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Norton Sound Winter Commercial Red King Crab Fishery Will Close April 30

The Norton Sound winter commercial red king crab fishery will close at 12:00 midnight Sunday, April 30, by regulation {5AAC 39.910.(d)(2)}. All crab pots must be un-baited and doors secured open by that time. All catcher-sellers must have their fish tickets turned into Fish & Game by May 8.

The department set the total GHL for red king crab at 392,500 pounds, of which, approximately 9,500 pounds has been harvested to date from the 31,400-pound winter quota by the winter commercial red king crab fishery by 8 registered catcher/sellers. Any remaining winter commercial GHL will be transferred to the summer commercial red king crab GHL. The final summer season red king crab GHL will be announced in subsequent Advisory Announcements after the winter season red king crab commercial harvest numbers are finalized.

Registration for the summer commercial red king crab fishery will begin in June at the Nome Fish & Game office and the fishery is expected to begin mid-June to early July.

Norton Sound subsistence crabbing remains open 365 days a year. Subsistence crab permits are required and available online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/store or at the Fish & Game office in Nome. If calling for a permit from a village, please have your Alaska driver's license or identification number available when calling. Subsistence permits are free and all Alaska resident households qualify. The winter subsistence crab permit is valid through May 31 and a summer subsistence crab permit is valid from June 1 through November 30. The winter subsistence permits are required to be returned to the Nome office or reported online at the above address no later than June 7.

Questions regarding the winter or summer crab fisheries can be directed to Fish & Game at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.