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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 12:00 p.m. noon, Wednesday, July 19. At the time of closure all crab pots must have all bait and bait containers removed. All vessels must have all king crab delivered by 12:00 a.m., midnight, Thursday, July 20, or be in line at the Nome plant, or crab tender, to offload by this time.

The Norton Sound red king crab fleet should harvest the remaining GHJ by the time of the closure based on current catch rates for the summer king crab open access fishery. The weather forecast is for fair weather for early next week, 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 from the water by Wednesday, July 26. 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 pots due to mechanical issues, contact Kevin Clark in the ADF&G office in advance.

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