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Kotzebue Fishery Advisory Announcement #2

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, through Friday, July 21, in the Kotzebue Sound District. In Subdistrict 1 of the Kotzebue District, marine waters adjacent to the end of the runway from the Weather Service Dome south of the main runway to the NANA building north of the main runway and extending one mile offshore into Kotzebue Sound perpendicular to the beach will be closed to both subsistence and commercial fishing in order to avoid birds being attracted to fishing nets near the end of the airport runway and becoming a safety hazard.

Two buyers are registered to purchase chum salmon in Kotzebue this season.

The 2023 Kotzebue commercial harvest forecast is 300,000 to 400,000 chum salmon.

Permit holders are reminded to check with their buyers before starting fishing operations to ensure they have a market for their catch.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 907-442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271.

Stay safe and good luck.