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NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER OPEN ACCESS AND CDQ COMMERCIAL FISHERY TO OPEN

The Norton Sound king crab summer open access and CDQ commercial fishery will open at 12:00 noon, Monday, June 15. Anyone who is now subsistence crabbing and plans to participate in this year's summer commercial crab fishery must stop subsistence crabbing and remove all gear from the water by noon Sunday, June 1, and return their subsistence permit to Fish & Game or report their catch online before they can register for commercial fishing.

Currently, no buyer has registered for the summer commercial crab season. Fisherman planning to sell crab directly to consumers must register with the department in one of the marketing programs in order to sell their catch. Application forms for the marketing programs can be picked up at the Nome Fish and Game office or can be obtained online at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.main>

During the 2026 winter commercial fishery, 17 permit holders harvested 17,697 pounds of red king crab. The guideline harvest level (GHL) for the winter open access commercial fishery was 21,440 pounds, which leaves 3,743 pounds from the winter king crab GHL that will be added to the summer season GHL. The open access fisheries GHL is 230,203 pounds. The total Norton Sound red king crab GHL is 268,000 pounds, of which 7.5% (20,100 pounds) is reserved for the CDQ fishery.

Commercial crab permit holders must register at the Fish & Game office in Nome to receive crab pot tags before beginning operations. Village residents can call 1-800-560-2271 to register and crab pot tags will be sent via local airlines.

When crabbing, permit holders must be in possession of their 2025 Norton Sound king crab commercial permit and a government issued photo ID card, or driver's license. Those assisting a commercial permit holder must be in possession of a 2026 commercial crewmember license, or a 2026 State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit for any fishery may be substituted. Crewmember licenses are available at the Nome Fish & Game office or can be purchased online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/

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

Good Luck and Good Crabbing!