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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #2

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO REOPEN

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 20 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

The catch for the first week was 10,416 chums by 20 permit holders. The catch was over three times the catch during the first week of fishing last year.

The department test fish crew in Kiana began fishing on Thursday. The first two days of fishing had chum catches like last year.

The 2022 Kotzebue commercial harvest forecast is 100,000 to 200,000 chum salmon.

Three buyers are purchasing Kotzebue chum salmon this season and permit holders are reminded to check with their buyers before fishing to make sure there is a market for their catch.

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

Good Luck and Good Fishing!