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Advisory Announcement

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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #4

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 24 through Friday, July 29 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

The catch for the first two weeks of fishing is just over 20,000 chums by 22 permit holders. This compares to last year's catch 15,000 chums during the same fishing time.

Weather was a big factor this past week limiting permit holder participation in the fishery. The weather also limited the department test fish crew in Kiana getting on the water to conduct a complete day of test fish drifts. So far test fish catches of sheefish have been well above average and chum catches have been like last year.

The department expects test fish catches to pick up with the limited effort in the commercial fishery the past week and as the run builds into early August.

Three buyers are purchasing 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!