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Advisory Announcement

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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #9

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO REOPEN

Commercial salmon fishing in the Kotzebue Sound District will be open for 10 hours from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily from Sunday, August 21, through Friday, August 26.

This past week's chum salmon catches have been the highest for the third week of August since the record harvest of 2018 and the fleet is on track for a Top 10 harvest. The season harvest is now projected to be over 400,000 chum salmon and that would be double the department preseason forecast of 100,000 to 200,000 chum salmon harvested.

Permit holders are reminded to check with the buyers before fishing to make sure there is a market for their catch. There are currently two buyers operating in Kotzebue Sound.

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!