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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Announcement #9**

#### **KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN ON TUESDAY**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours on Tuesday, August 11, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Kotzebue District.

The commercial catch Sunday was 11,721 chum salmon with 44 permit holders fishing. The catch was the highest daily catch of the season.

The Kobuk River test fish chum salmon catch index at Kiana has started to increase but ranks second lowest in the 28-year project history. Test net catches are expected to improve because of the reduced commercial fishing time last week.

The department expects the best commercial catches of the season this week based on run timing models of recent years and next week the catch should start to decrease.

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

### **COVID-19**

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>