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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #3

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 8 hours daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

The catch through 9 fishing periods is nearly 17,000 chum salmon by 20 permit holders. The catch was over double the catch during the same time last year.

The department test fish crew in Kiana began fishing on last Thursday. Sheefish catches have been well above average and chum catches have been like last year for the first week of fishing.

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!