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**Advisory Announcement**  
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**Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #5**

**KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO REOPEN**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 10 hours daily from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 3 in the Kotzebue Sound District.

Weather was again a big factor this past week limiting permit holder participation in three of six fishing days. However, on days when the weather moderated to allow for fishing the catch per unit of effort (CPUE) skyrocketed.

Usually in early August chum salmon catches pick up and based on catches to date the run appears to be stronger than forecast. Through 18 fishing periods the catch is just over 65,000 chum salmon compared to just over 40,000 fish caught during the same number of fishing periods last year.

Fishermen are reminded to check with their buyers before fishing to make sure there is a market for their catch.

Midweek the department will consult with the buyers about additional fishing time.

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!