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Advisory Announcement

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Kotzebue Commercial Fishery Advisory Announcement #8

KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TO OPEN

Commercial salmon fishing in the Kotzebue Sound District will be open for 8 hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily from Sunday, August 14, through Friday, August 19.

The first two weeks of August usually have the highest catches of the season and this year's run has been stronger than expected. The department forecast was for a harvest of 100,000 to 200,000 chum salmon. Through August 12, the commercial harvest is approximately 294,000 chum salmon and is projected to have a harvest of over 350,000 fish.

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!