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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Norton Sound Winter Commercial Red King Crab Fishery Will Close April 30**

The Norton Sound winter commercial red king crab fishery will close at 12:00 midnight Thursday, April 30, by regulation. All crab pots must be un-baited and doors secured open by that time. All catcher-sellers must have their fish tickets turned into Fish & Game by Thursday, May 7, 2026.

The department set the total GHL for red king crab at 268,000 pounds, of which, approximately 12,000 pounds (56%) has been harvested to date from the 21,440-pound winter quota by the winter commercial red king crab fishery by 19 registered catcher/sellers. Any remaining winter commercial GHL will be transferred to the summer commercial red king crab GHL. The final summer season red king crab GHL will be announced in subsequent Advisory Announcements after the winter season red king crab commercial harvest numbers are finalized.

Registration for the summer commercial red king crab fishery is curtly available at the Nome Fish & Game office.

Norton Sound subsistence crabbing remains open 365 days a year. Subsistence crab permits are required and available online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/store](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store) or at the Fish & Game office in Nome. If calling for a permit from a village, please have your Alaska driver's license or identification number available when calling. Subsistence permits are free and all Alaska resident households qualify. The winter subsistence crab permit is valid through May 31 and a summer subsistence crab permit is valid from June 1 through November 30. Winter subsistence permits are required to be returned to the Nome office or reported online at the above address no later than June 6th.

Questions regarding the winter or summer crab fisheries can be directed to Fish & Game at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.