



Advisory Announcement
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2023 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHING SEASON

The Registration Area A (Southeast Alaska) Tanner crab harvest strategy [5 AAC 35.113] establishes commercial Tanner crab fishing season length using estimated mature male biomass and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery. As of 7:00 a.m., Sunday, February 12, 2023, there are 56 pot vessels and 4,440 pots registered for the 2023 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 4,440 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides **one additional day** of season length in “core”, “non-core”, “inside exploratory”, and “outside exploratory” areas. The 2023 commercial Tanner crab fishery in Southeast Alaska will open in “core”, “non-core”, “inside exploratory”, and “outside exploratory” areas (described in 5 AAC 35.113(c)) at 12:00 noon on **Sunday, February 12, 2023**. The season will close in “core” fishing areas after six fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, February 18, 2023**, and the noncore, inside exploratory areas, and outside exploratory areas will remain open for an additional five days; after the noncore areas close to fishing at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 23, 2023**, the inside exploratory areas and outside exploratory areas will remain open for an additional fourteen days; after the inside exploratory areas close to fishing at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, March 9, 2023**, the outside exploratory areas will remain open through 11:59 pm, **Friday, March 31, 2023**.

Shellfish management staff will be available in Douglas and Petersburg for permit holders during the duration of the Tanner crab fishery, including the first two weekends on an “on-call” capacity. For assistance during the first two weekends of the Tanner crab fishery please contact Joe Stratman (907) 772-5238 and Tessa Bergmann (907) 772-5236 in Petersburg or Adam Mesmer (907) 465-4853 and Zane Chapman (907) 465-4274 in Douglas.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0623.

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