



Advisory Announcement
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2024 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 8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2024, there are 60 pot vessels and 4,800 pots registered for the 2024 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 4,800 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides **one additional day** of season length in “core”, “non-core”, “inside exploratory”, and “outside exploratory” areas. The 2024 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 **Saturday, February 17, 2024**. The season will close in “core” fishing areas after six fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Friday, February 23, 2024**, and the non-core, inside exploratory areas, and outside exploratory areas will remain open for an additional five days; after the non-core areas close to fishing at 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, 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 **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**, the outside exploratory areas will remain open through 11:59 pm, **Sunday, March 31, 2024**.

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 in an “on-call” capacity. For assistance during the first two weekends of the Tanner crab fishery please contact shellfish staff in Petersburg or Douglas at the following phone numbers:

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