

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KC-6-01-99

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Effective Date: 12:01 A.M.
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Expiration Date: December 31, 1999
Unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the described waters of Orca Bay, Hinchinbrook Entrance and eastern Prince William Sound, to the sport harvest of king crab until further notice.

REGULATION:

Provisions are therefore added to 5 AAC 55.022 to read:
(shaded areas indicate changes)

(1) 5 AAC 55.022 WATER	SEASON AND BAG LIMIT					SPECIAL PROVISIONS
	King Salmon	Other Salmon	Rainbow/ Cutthroat	Halibut/ Lingcod	Other Fish/ Shellfish	
(15) Hinchinbrook entrance and Orca Inlet	1A	1B	1F,4D	2G,5H ¹	3I, 6J, 1K ²	¹ Lingcod can only be landed by hand or with a landing net ² . In that portion of Prince William Sound enclosed by lines from Point Whited to Point Bentinck, from Cape Hinchinbrook (60°14' N. lat., 146°39' W. long.) to Seal Rocks (60°10' N. lat., 146°50' W. long.), to Zaikof Point (60° 19' N. lat., 146° 55' W. long.), and from a point at 60° 11' N. lat., 147° 20' W. long. on the northwest side of Montague Island, north to a point at 60° 30' N. lat., 147° 20' W. long. then east to a point at 60° 30' N. lat., 147° 00' W. long., then northeast to Bidarka Point (60° 49'N. lat., 146°37' W. long.), the sport fishing king crab season is closed.

JUSTIFICATION:

Survey data of king crab stocks in eastern Prince William Sound over a period of several years indicate that these stocks remain in a depressed condition. A trawl survey was conducted in September of 1997 and captured no king crab. The last survey of the area, which was conducted in 1995, also did not catch any king crab. The 1993 and 1994 survey each captured a total of two king crab per year. Therefore, to maximize protection of the king crab stocks for future production and rebuilding of the stock, the described waters will be closed to sport fishing

for king crab for the entire 1999 calendar year. Commercial, personal use and subsistence fisheries for king crab in this area are also closed.

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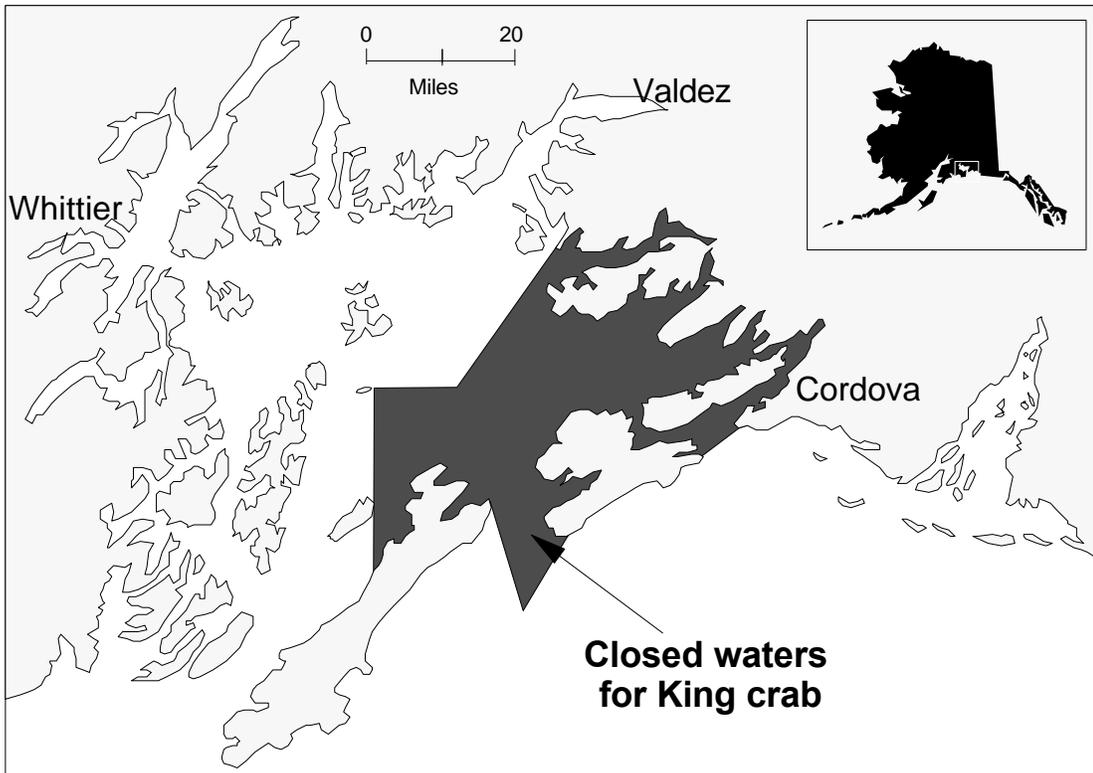
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Prince William Sound waters closed to commercial, subsistence, personal use, and sport fishing for King crab. (Map is not to scale; see Emergency Order for description)

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