

ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

The sport bag and possession limits for shellfish are **not** in addition to those allowed under either subsistence or personal use fishing regulations.

Species	Daily bag, possession and size limits
Red king crab	6 males only 4¾ inches or more
Blue king crab	6 males only 5½ inches or more
Dungeness crab	12 males only 6½ inches or more
Tanner crab	12 males only <i>C. bairdi</i> , 5½ inches or more, and <i>C. opilio</i> , 3⅞ inches or more (in combination)

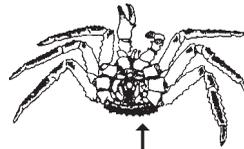
Harvest record form: A person must obtain a harvest record form from the ADF&G office in Nome prior to fishing for king crab in the Norton Sound section of the Northern District.

Shellfish may be taken as follows:

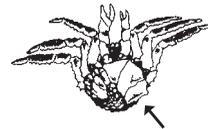
1. Shrimp may be taken with pots and ring nets.
2. Crab may only be taken with pots, ring nets, diving gear, dip nets, hooked or hookless lines either operated by hand or attached to a pole, or by hand.
3. Clams may only be taken with rakes, shovels, manually operated clam guns, or by hand.
4. No more than 5 pots per person, and a maximum of 10 pots per vessel, regardless of type, may be used to take shellfish at any time.
5. All sport anglers shall plainly and legibly inscribe their first initial, last name, and home address on a keg or buoy attached to each pot. A keg or buoy attached to a pot must also be inscribed with the name or the Division of Motor Vehicles registration number (AK number) of the vessel used to operate the pot.
6. Escape mechanisms, as described in 5 AAC 39.145, must be provided for each pot.
7. The bag and possession limits for shellfish are not in addition to those allowed under either subsistence fishing regulations, or under personal use fishing regulations.

Crab identification and measurement chart

KING CRAB

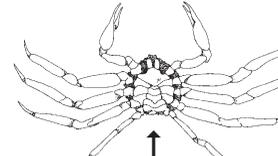


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male—narrow
abdominal flap

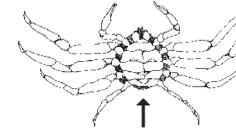


female—wide abdominal flap
covers most of underside
NO HARVEST ALLOWED

TANNER CRAB

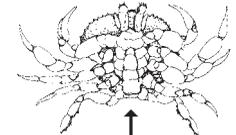


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male—narrow
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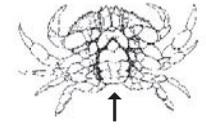


female—wide abdominal flap
covers most of underside (females
usually smaller than 5½")
NO HARVEST ALLOWED

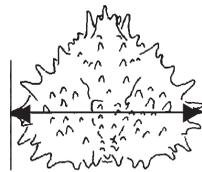
DUNGENESS CRAB



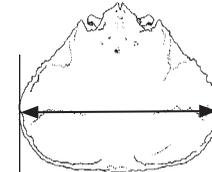
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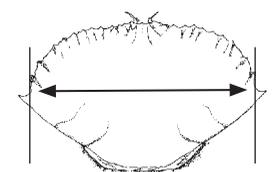
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NO HARVEST ALLOWED



Width measurement of
king crab is the straight-
line distance across the
carapace, *including* spines.



Width measurement of
Tanner crab is the straight-
line distance across the
carapace, *including* spines.



Width measurement of
Dungeness crab is the straight-
line distance across the
carapace, **not** including spines.

8. No person may mutilate or otherwise disfigure any crab in any manner which prevents the determination that the crab is of legal size until the crab has been processed for human consumption. No person may take or possess shellfish smaller than the minimum legal size limits.
9. In the waters south of 60°N. lat., male king crab may be taken only from June 1 through January 1. □