JUNEAU AREA (11-A) PERSONAL USE RED AND BLUE KING CRAB FISHERY
WINTER SEASON

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the 2018/2019 winter personal use red and blue king crab season in Section 11-A will open at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2019, and will be managed inseason, likely closing by emergency order.

Analysis of data from the 2018 Juneau leg of the annual red king crab survey indicates sufficient stock abundance to allow prosecution of the Section 11-A personal use red and blue king crab fishery. The winter season fishery will proceed with the following daily bag and possession limits and restrictions:

- Fishery opens at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2019, and will close by emergency order or March 31, 2019, whichever comes first.
- Daily bag and possession limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 2 male crabs per household permit.
- Winter seasonal limit for the red and blue king crab fishery is 3 male crabs per household permit.
- King, Tanner, or Dungeness crab may only be taken using one pot or two ring nets per vessel, or diving during this fishery.
- A household permit is required to participate in the fishery and permits will be available online. Assistance with online permits is available at the Douglas Fish and Game Office at 802 3rd Street, and the Fish and Game Headquarters at 1255 W. 8th Street.
- Winter king crab harvest must be reported online (or permits may be returned to Douglas office) immediately once the seasonal limit has been reached or within seven days after the fishery closure if seasonal limit was not reached or if the permit was not fished. Report online at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/sf/PU/.
- 11-A king crab personal use permits can be obtained online at https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/.

Residents are reminded that they must also be in possession of a valid sport-fishing license if 18 years or older prior to harvesting king crab.

Current regulations on personal use red and blue king crab fishing can be found at: http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#5.77.664
Information regarding the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A may be found in the September 7, 2018 News Release (090718 NR 2). For more information on the status of the king crab personal use fishery outside Section 11-A please contact Adam Messmer (465-4853) or April Rebert (465-4274).

Section 11-A includes the waters of Gastineau Channel, Stephens Passage, and Lynn Canal north of a line from the Coast Guard marker and light on Point Arden to Bishop Point at 58°12.33' N. lat., 134°10.00' W. long., and south of a line at the latitude of Little Island Light at 58°32.41' N. lat., and east of a line from Little Island Light to Point Retreat Light.


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