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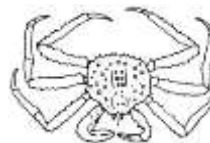
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## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT NORTH STEPHENS PASSAGE AREA CLOSURE DATE

Petersburg . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the commercial golden king crab fishery in the North Stephens Passage Area will close at 12:00 noon, **Sunday, February 17th, 2019**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest as of the closure date is expected to reach the 11,000-pound GHLL for the North Stephens Passage Area. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via harvest ticket/logbook and port sampling data for the remaining open areas: Icy Strait, East Central, Mid-Chatham Strait, Lower Chatham Strait, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary and the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days following the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. For vessels registered for golden king crab only, all gear must be removed from the North Stephens Passage Area no later than 12:00 noon, February 22, 2019. For vessels registered for both Tanner crab and golden king crab fisheries, all gear must be removed from core Tanner crab areas no later than 12:00 noon, February 24, 2019.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0919.

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